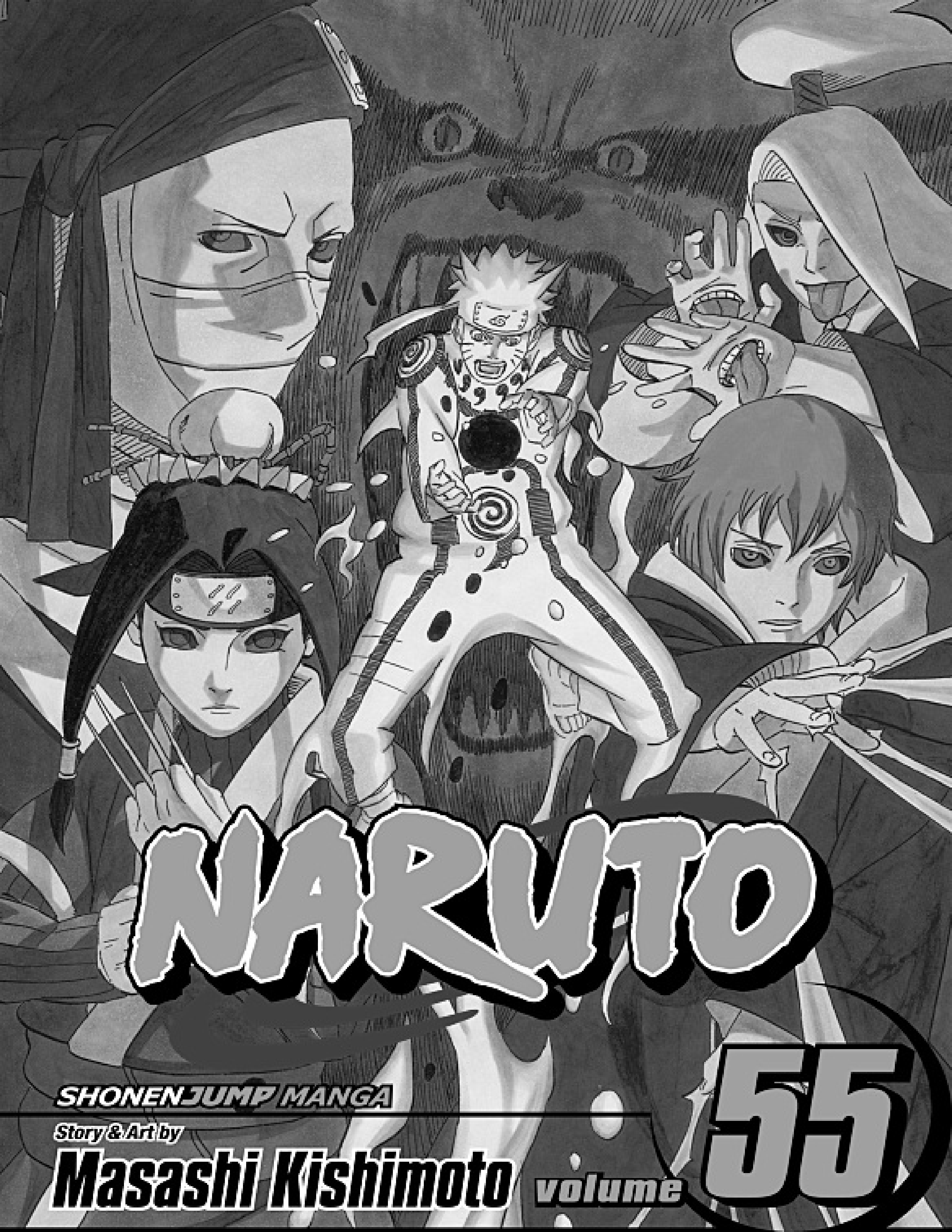
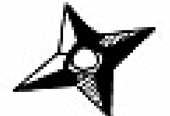
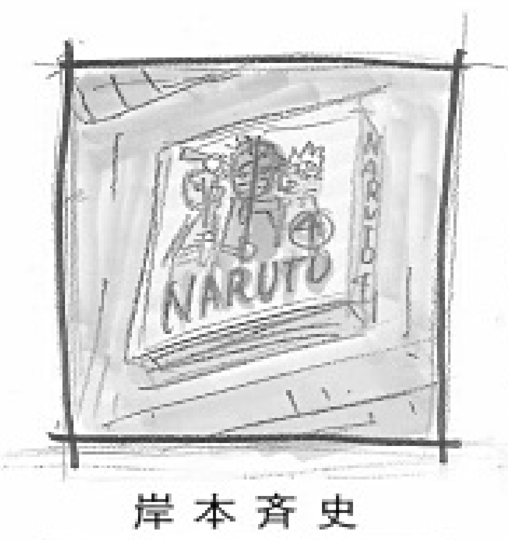

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Quite a few dearly missed characters appear in this volume. I had to keep checking past volumes while drawing them because I'd forgotten some of their specs, which ended up taking way too long. Argh!!

—Masashi Kishimoto, 2011



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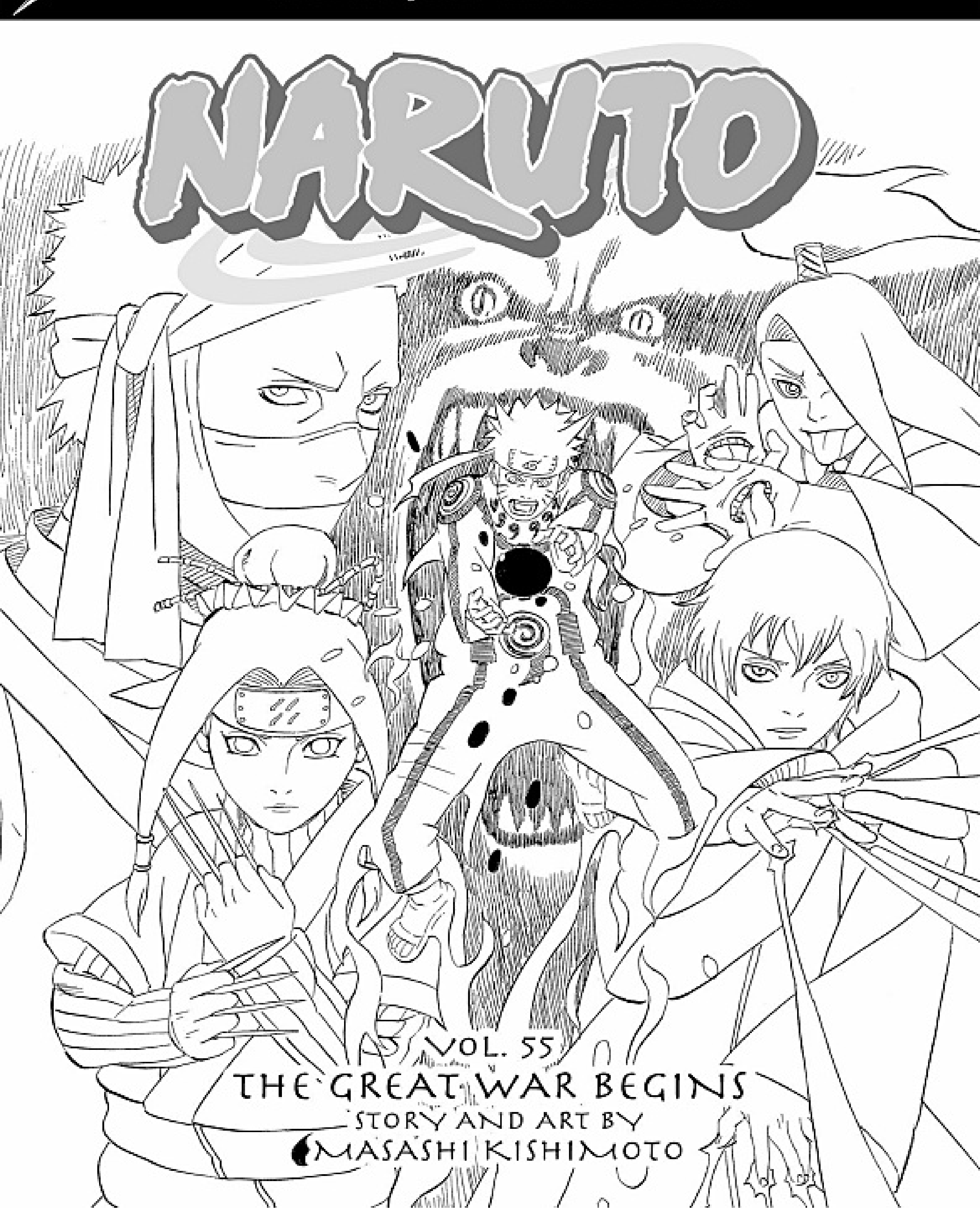


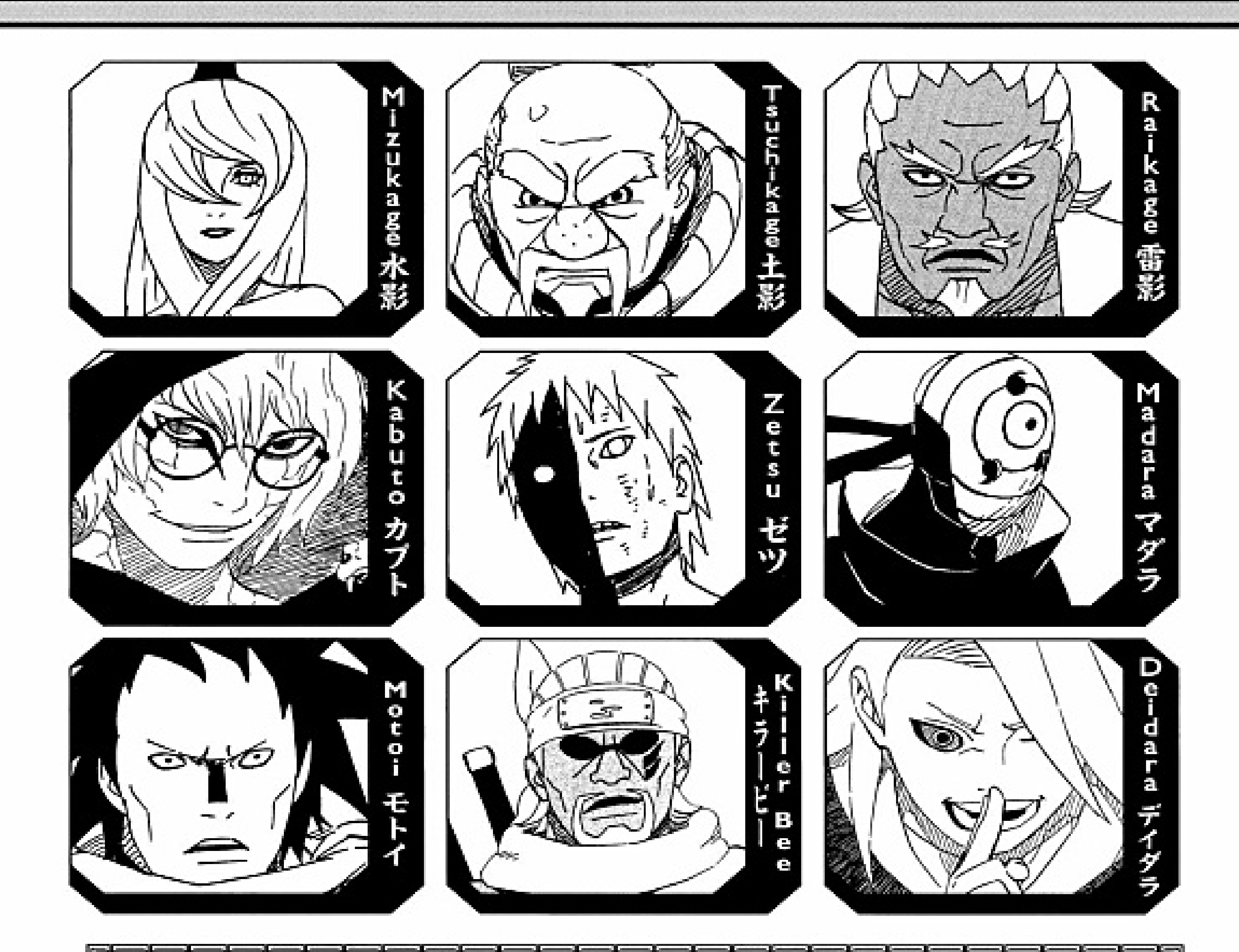


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THE STORY SO FAR...

Naruto, the biggest troublemaker at the Ninja Academy in the Village of Konohagakure, finally becomes a ninja along with his classmates Sasuke and Sakura. They grow and mature through countless trials and battles. However, Sasuke, unable to give up his quest for vengeance, leaves Konohagakure to seek Orochimaru and his power…

Two years pass. Naruto grows up and engages in fierce battles against the Tailed Beast-targeting Akatsuki. Elsewhere, after winning the heroic battle against Itachi and learning his older brother's true intentions, Sasuke allies with the Akatsuki and sets out to destroy Konoha.

Upon Madara's declaration of war, an Allied Shinobi Force is formed. As tensions rise in both camps, the Akatsuki pinpoint Naruto's location. Madara directs Kabuto to capture Nine Tails. Yamato heads out to intercept Kabuto and protect Naruto, but is captured instead!

CHARACTERS


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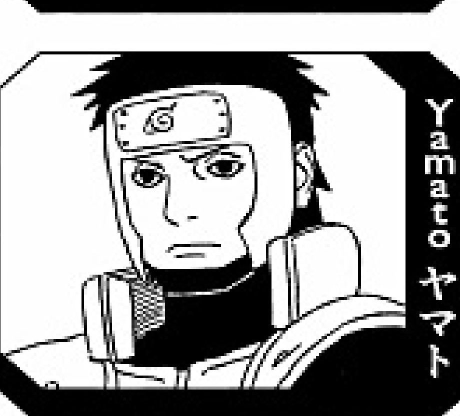

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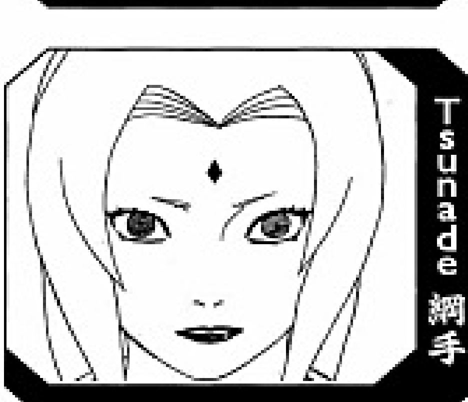

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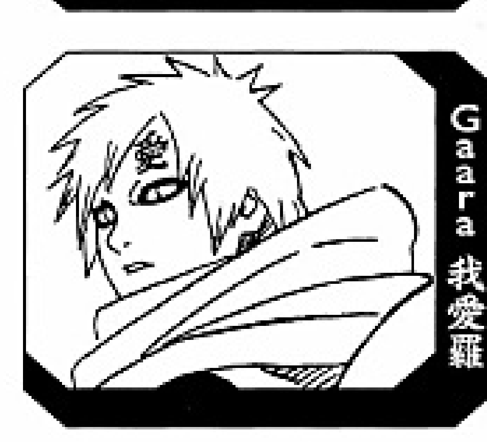

Sakura サクラ

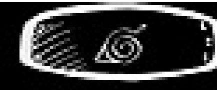

Sai サイ




Yamato ヤマト


Tsunade 綱手


Gaara 我愛羅

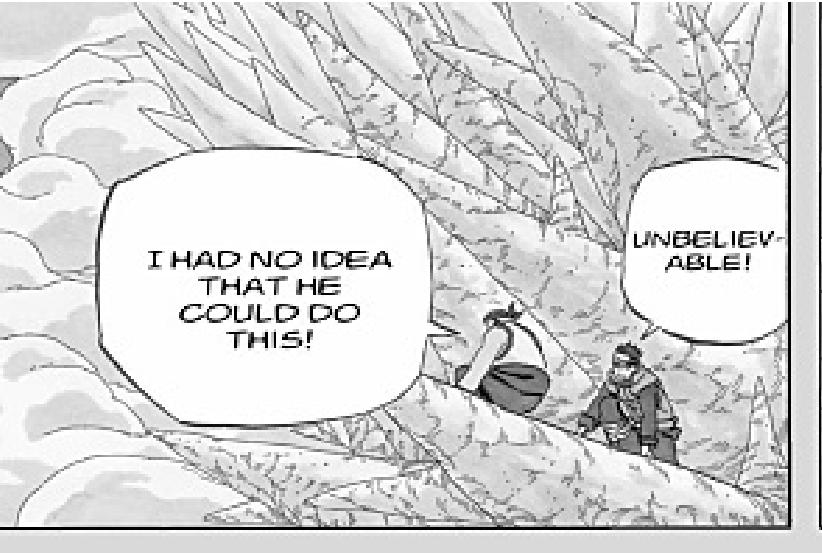


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VOOSH...

LORD TSUCHIKAGE JUST TRANSPORTED THE ENTIRE ISLAND, WITH US ON IT!



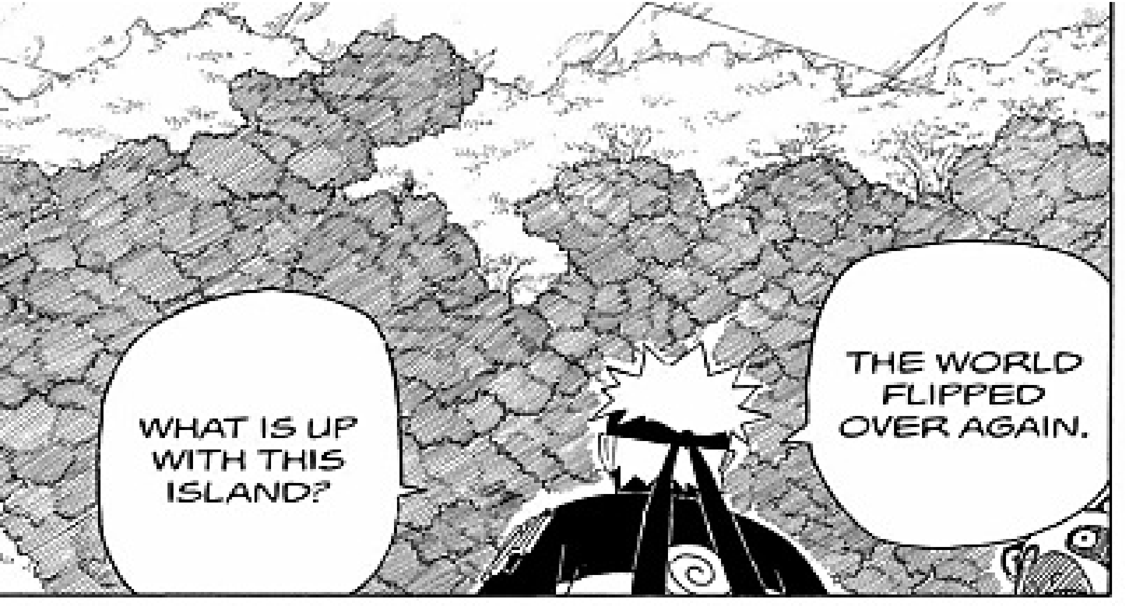



Number 515: The Great War Begins!




NARUTO


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THE WORLD FLIPPED OVER AGAIN.
WHAT IS UP WITH THIS ISLAND?

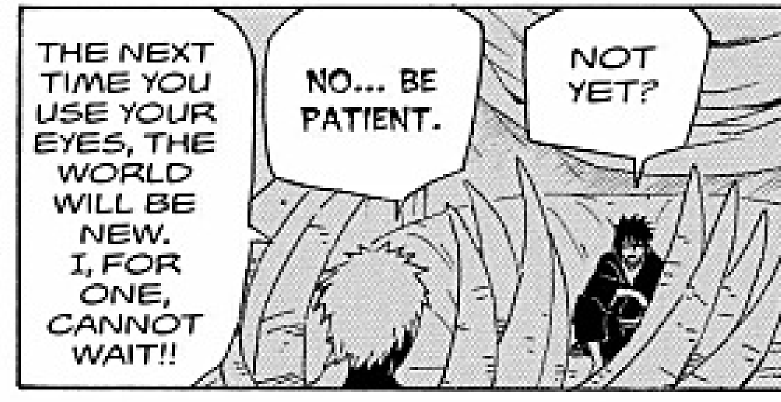
AND WHERE'S CAPTAIN YAMATO?
HE BETTER NOT HAVE BEEN HURT IN THE EARTH-QUAKE!

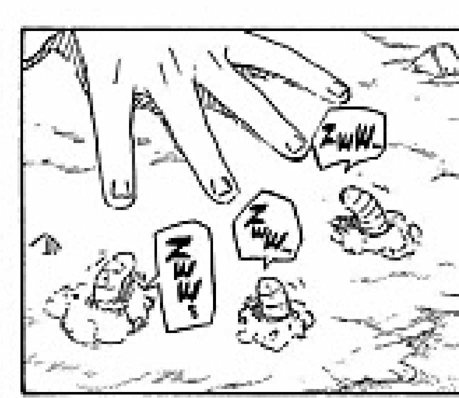

HE'S STILL INVESTIGATING. DON'T YOU WORRY.
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TMP


BUT I'VE FINISHED THE MISSION!
I WANT TO GO HOME TO KONOHA AND WAIT FOR SASUKE!

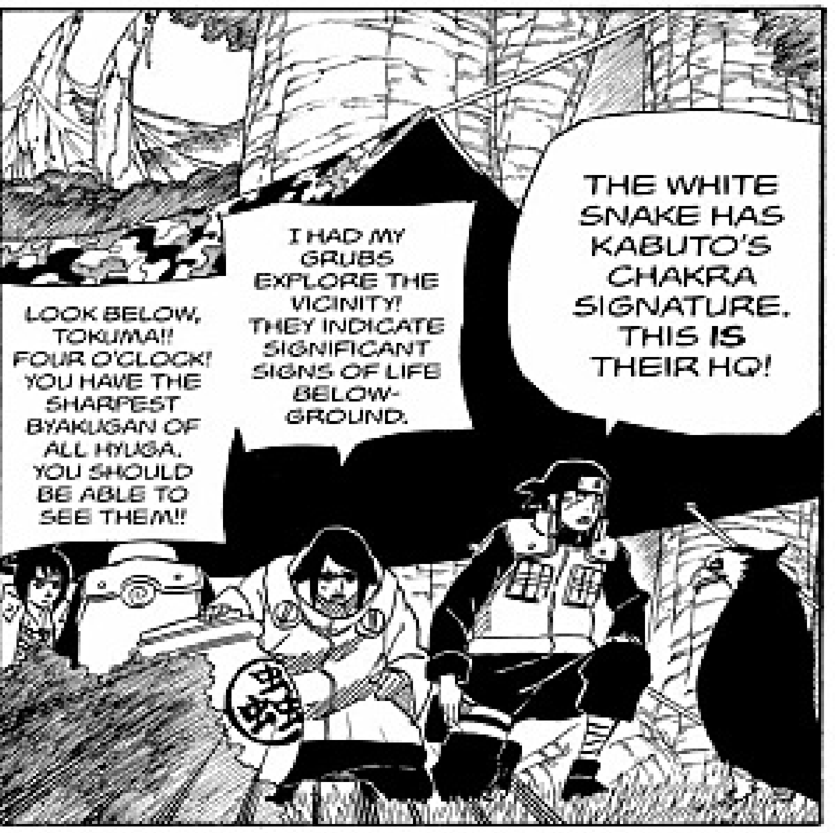

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I MADE AN OATH!











!!!

WH-WHOA... SO MANY...!

WHAT IS IT?!

HOW COME THE ANIMALS CAN GO OUTSIDE BUT NOT ME?!!

IMPATIENT NARUTO, COOL *IT* ♪ RUSH TOO MUCH, AND YOU'LL RUE *IT* ♪

YOU STILL HAVEN'T MASTERED BIJU CHAKRA *CONTROL* ♪

SO YOUR TRAINING I SHALL PERSONALLY *PATROL* ♪

WHEN WE FINISH THESE DRILLS, BIJU CHAKRA WILL FEEL LIKE AN EXTENSION OF *YOU* ♪

NOT TO BE MISTAKEN FOR WHAT'S ACTUAL OR *TRUE* ♪

ZWWW...

WHAM

THP THP THP THP THP THP

?!

WAP

CATCH 'EM WITH BIJU *CHAKRA* ♪

WAP

THEN STACK 'EM LIKE BUILDING BLOCKS, *YA* ♪

AND MAKE 'EM BALANCE USING BIJU **AND** YOUR OWN *CHAKRA* ♪

NICE, BEE!

YOUR TURN ♪

DONK





TNK

REEE

TNK

REEE

TNK

REEE

WHOA!!

TMP

!



I NEED TO STACK THESE BLOCKS SO THAT THEY DON'T FALL OVER.

BUZZZZZ

ALL RIGHT! HERE I GO!

ZWOO...

BA

?!!

KSOM

NO, NO, TOO *WILD* ♪

YOU MAY HAVE SOME CONTROL, BUT IT NEEDS TO BE FINE-TUNED, *CHILD* ♪

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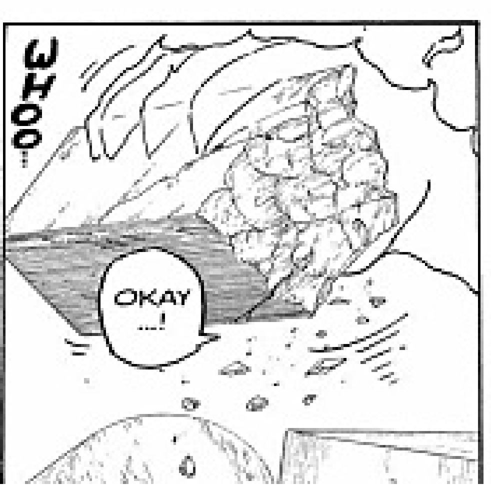
HE DESTROYED THE ROCK... IT'S HARD FOR HIM TO EVEN GRASP?

GAH!

ONE MORE TIME!!

SWOO...





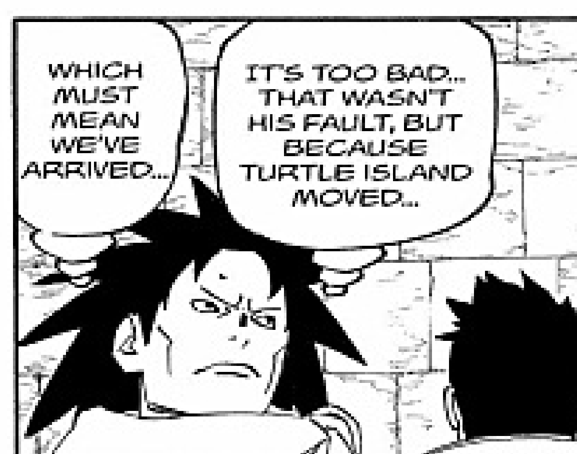


THOOM...

SPLOOOSH...

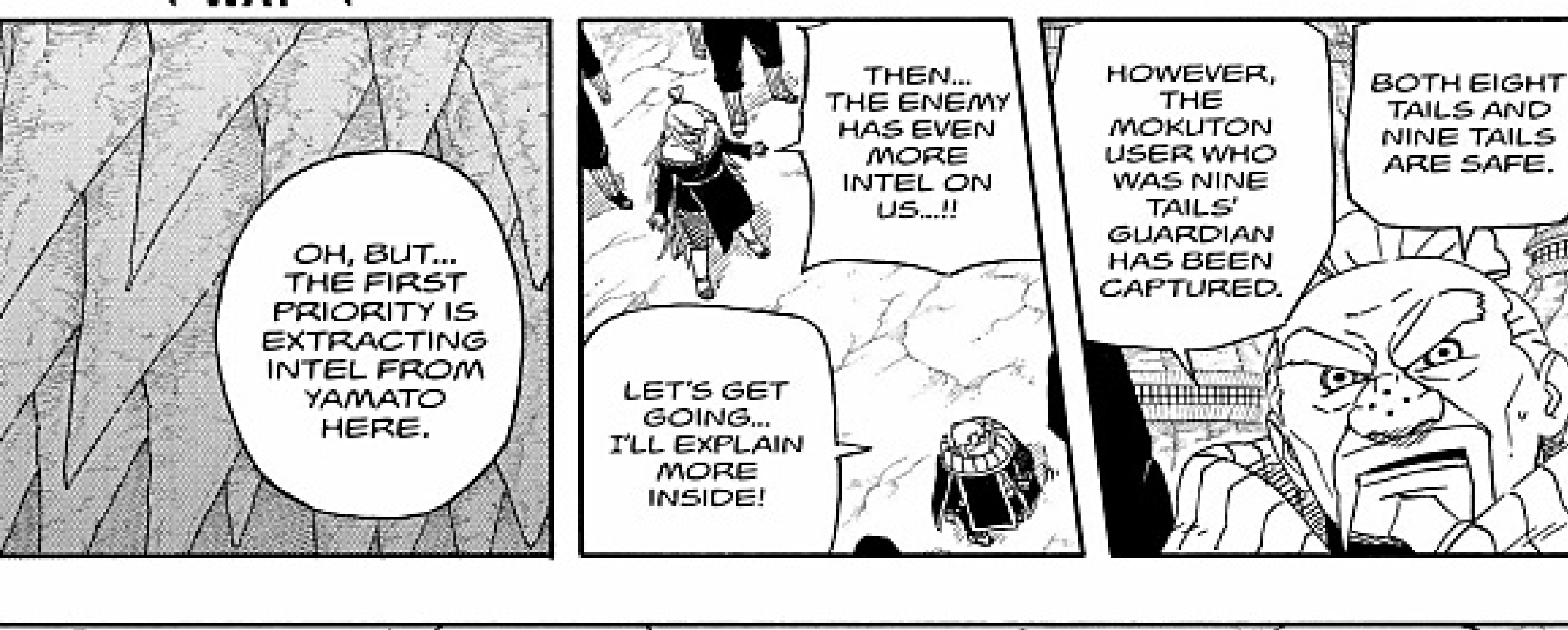






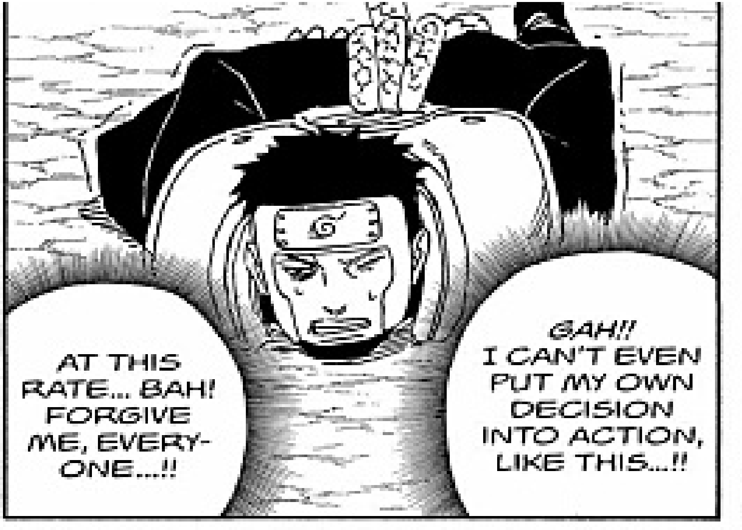



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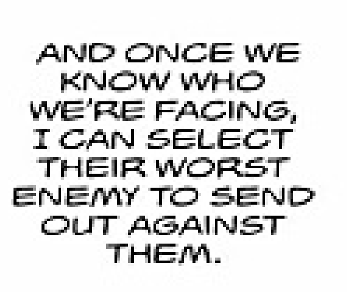

BOTH EIGHT TAILS AND NINE TAILS ARE SAFE.
HOWEVER, THE MOKUTON USER WHO WAS NINE TAILS' GUARDIAN HAS BEEN CAPTURED.
THEN... THE ENEMY HAS EVEN MORE INTEL ON US...!!
LET'S GET GOING... I'LL EXPLAIN MORE INSIDE!
OH, BUT... THE FIRST PRIORITY IS EXTRACTING INTEL FROM YAMATO HERE.

JUST DON'T KILL HIM, OKAY?
IF YOU WANT TO MAKE THE ZETSU STRONGER.
IT WOULD BE EASY TO EXTRACT INTEL IF I USE THE RINNE NINGENDO'S JUTSU... BUT HE **WOULD** DIE...
SO IT'S BETTER TO KEEP HIM ALIVE TO MAKE ZETSU STRONGER?
YES...
...VENOM, HUH...! SO THAT'S HOW HE'S SUP-PRESSING THE MOKU-TON'S POWER.
KABUTO SURE HAS STUDIED FIRST HOKAGE HASHIRAMA'S CELLS THOROUGHLY.
IT'S A DRUG I DEVELOPED TO INHIBIT HASHIRAMA'S POWER...
DON'T WORRY, I WON'T USE IT ON THE ZETSU.


HE REALLY LOOKED INTO MY SCOPE AND PLANS, DIDN'T HE, OROCHIMARU...

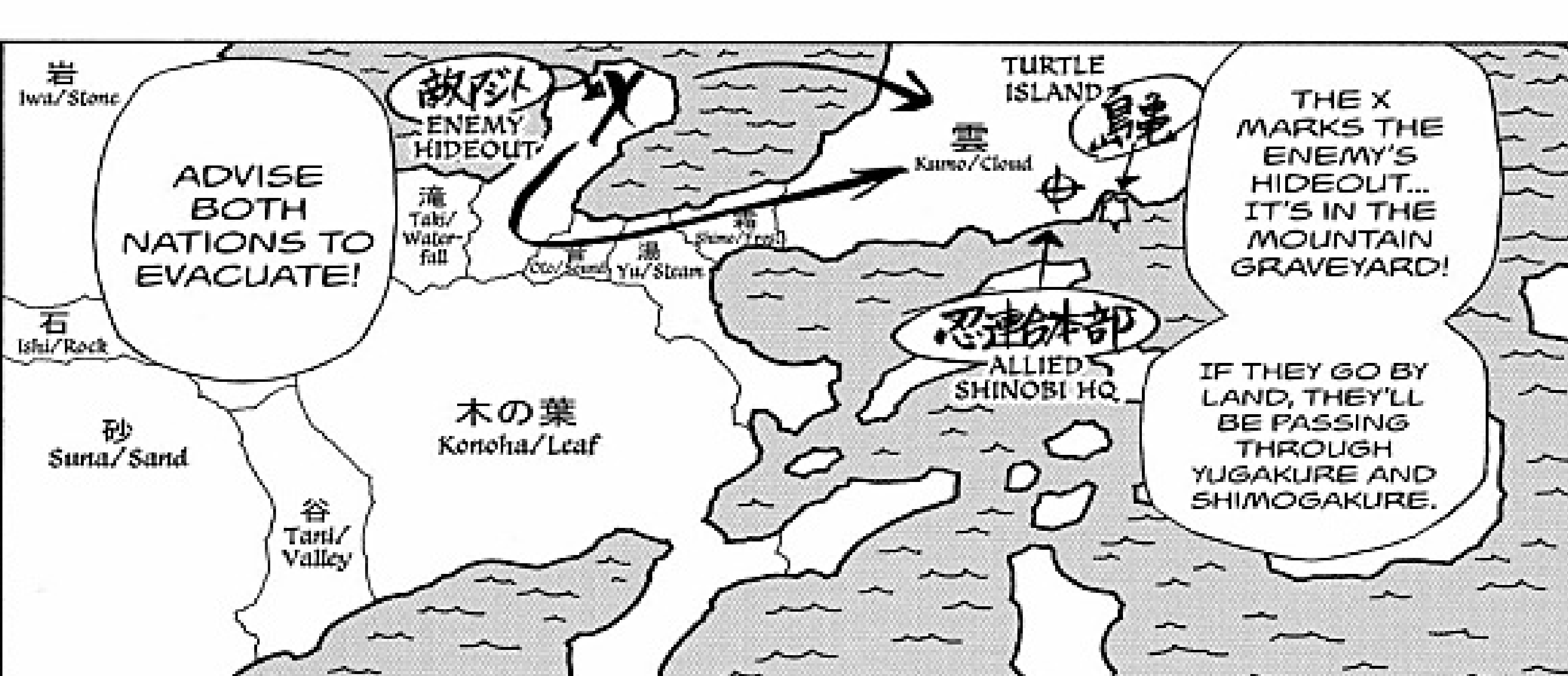

GAH!! I CAN'T EVEN PUT MY OWN DECISION INTO ACTION, LIKE THIS...!!
AT THIS RATE... BAH! FORGIVE ME, EVERY-ONE...!!


EVEN WITHOUT USING THE RINNEGAN'S POWER, WE CAN EXTRACT ENOUGH INTEL WITH THE DOUBLE WHAMMY OF MY TRUTH SERUM PLUS YOUR SHARINGAN.


AND ONCE WE KNOW WHO WE'RE FACING, I CAN SELECT THEIR WORST ENEMY TO SEND OUT AGAINST THEM.

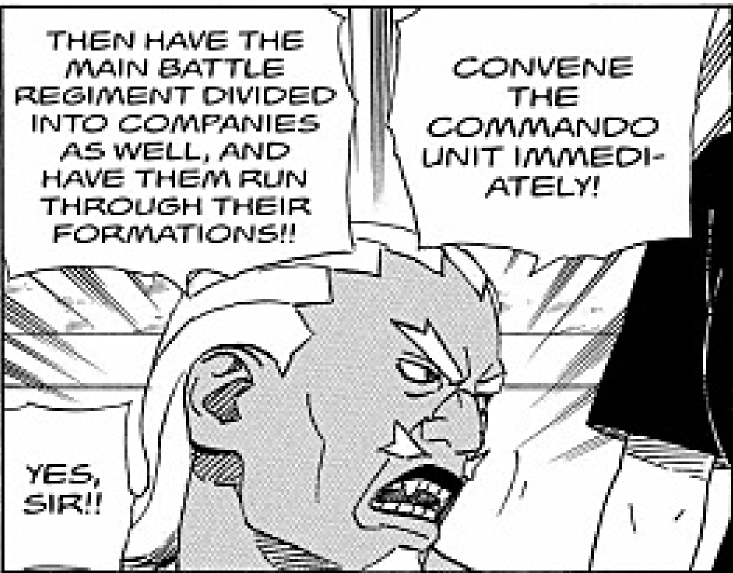

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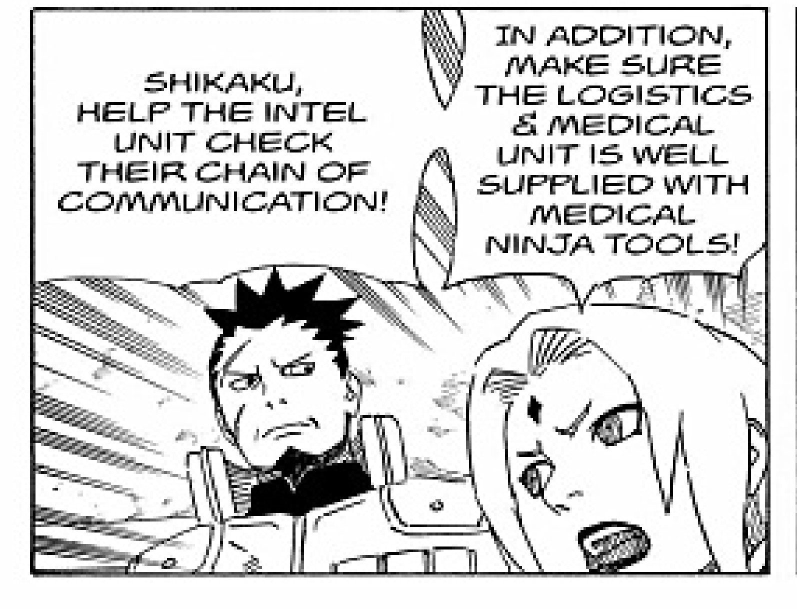

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THAT'S KONOHA'S!
WE GOT NEW INTEL!!


THE X MARKS THE ENEMY'S HIDEOUT... IT'S IN THE MOUNTAIN GRAVEYARD!
IF THEY GO BY LAND, THEY'LL BE PASSING THROUGH YUGAKURE AND SHIMOGAKURE.
ADVISE BOTH NATIONS TO EVACUATE!
TURTLE ISLAND
敵アジト
ENEMY HIDEOUT
雲
Kumo/Cloud
忍連合本部
ALLIED SHINOBI HQ
岩
Iwa/Stone
滝
Taki/Waterfall
湯
Yu/Steam
石
Ishi/Rock
砂
Suna/Sand
木の葉
Konoha/Leaf
谷
Tani/Valley



ACCORDING TO THE INFILTRATION & RECON UNIT, THE ENEMY NUMBERS AROUND 100,000...
CONSIDERING THE MOVEMENT OF SUCH A LARGE REGIMENT, ONLY A SMALL NUMBER WILL LIKELY TAKE THE SEA ROUTE, BUT WE'LL BE IN A BIND IF WE ARE SURROUNDED.
WHICH MEANS THE VICTOR SHALL BE DECIDED BY WHOEVER MAKES THE FIRST MOVE!

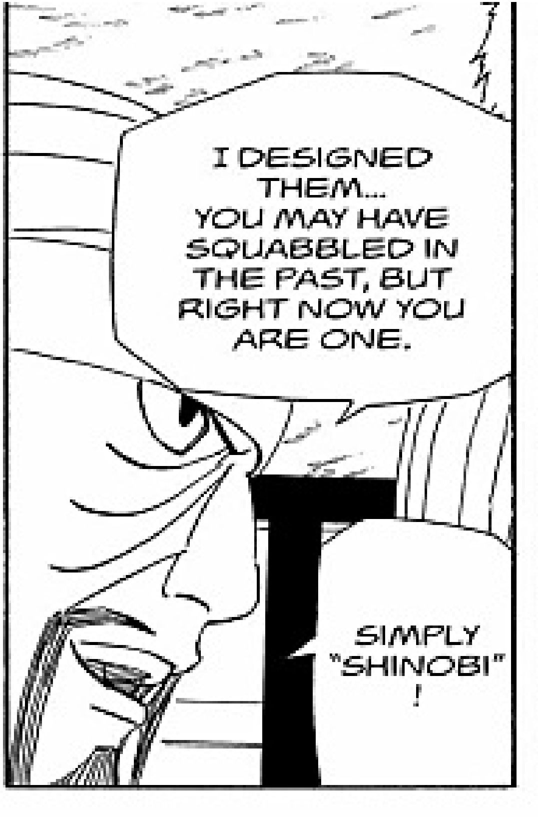




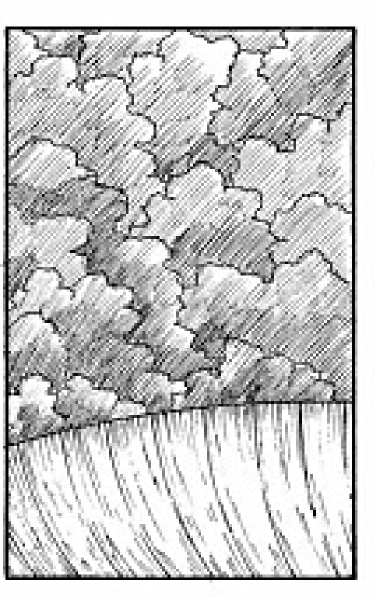


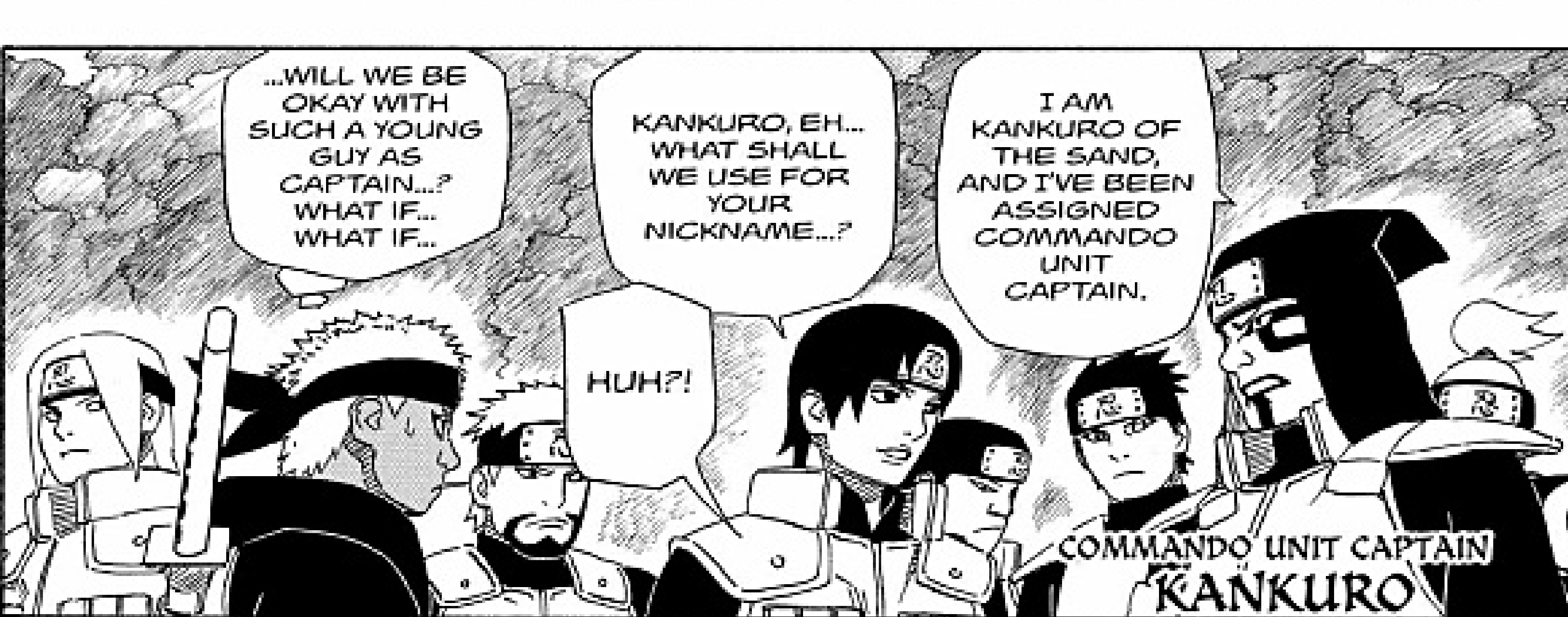



HO... SO THESE WILL BE OUR ALLIED FORCE HEAD-BANDS, EH? NICE JOB!

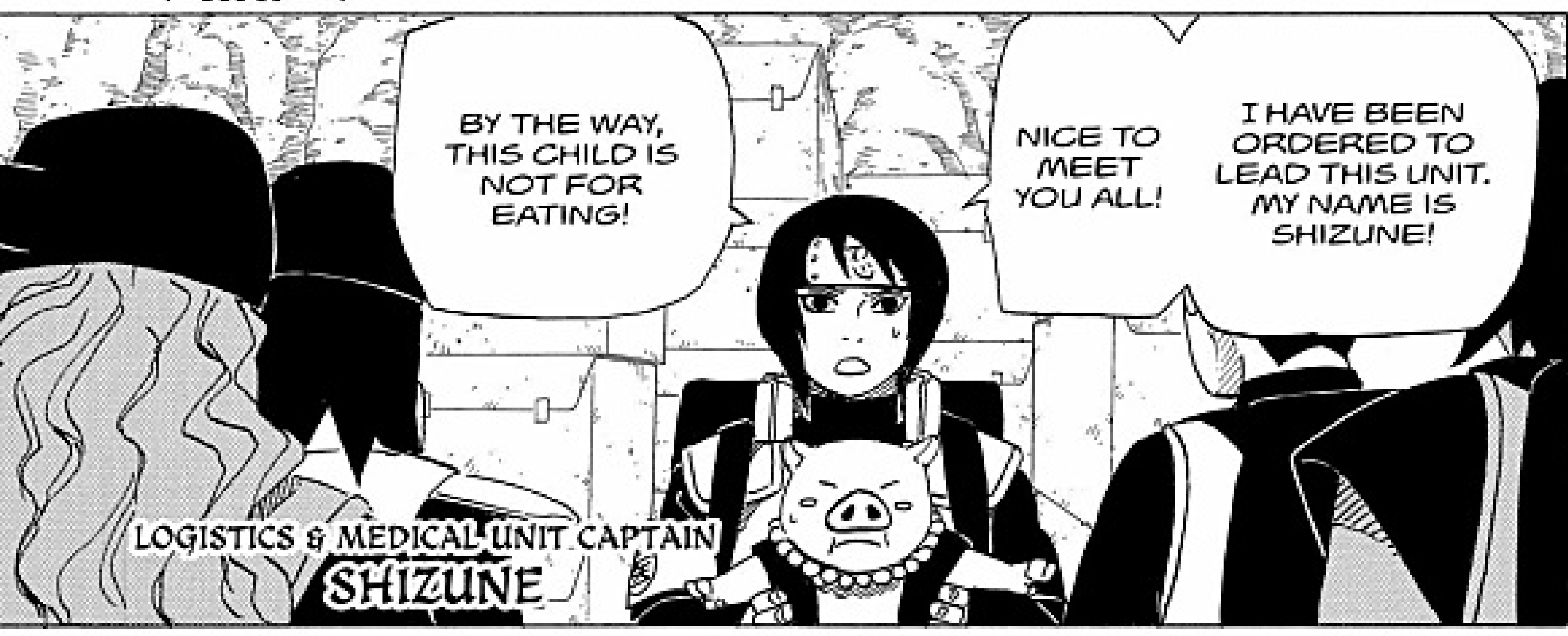

I DESIGNED THEM... YOU MAY HAVE SQUABBLED IN THE PAST, BUT RIGHT NOW YOU ARE ONE.
SIMPLY "SHINOBI"!


SHUP
AND THIS TIME, SAMURAI SHALL TEAM UP WITH SHINOBI!
NOW LET US GET TO WORK!!




I AM KANKURO OF THE SAND, AND I'VE BEEN ASSIGNED COMMANDO UNIT CAPTAIN.
KANKURO, EH... WHAT SHALL WE USE FOR YOUR NICKNAME...?
HUH?!
...WILL WE BE OKAY WITH SUCH A YOUNG GUY AS CAPTAIN...? WHAT IF... WHAT IF...
COMMANDO UNIT CAPTAIN
KANKURO


READ THIS WAY


I HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO LEAD THIS UNIT. MY NAME IS SHIZUNE!
NICE TO MEET YOU ALL!
BY THE WAY, THIS CHILD IS NOT FOR EATING!
LOGISTICS & MEDICAL UNIT CAPTAIN
SHIZUNE


YOU DID YOUR BEST, AOBA.
YES, SIR...
YOU'RE INOICHI?! I'M TENGA!
I'VE HEARD SO MUCH ABOUT YOU!
INTEL UNIT CAPTAIN
YAMANAKA INOICHI


SIGH... WAR, EH.
THIS YOUR FIRST WAR?
YES...
OUR UNIT'S PERFORMANCE CAN GREATLY CHANGE THE FLOW OF BATTLE. DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN!
SENSORY UNIT CAPTAIN
AO

CHATTER...

MAIN BATTLE REGIMENT
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
GAARA







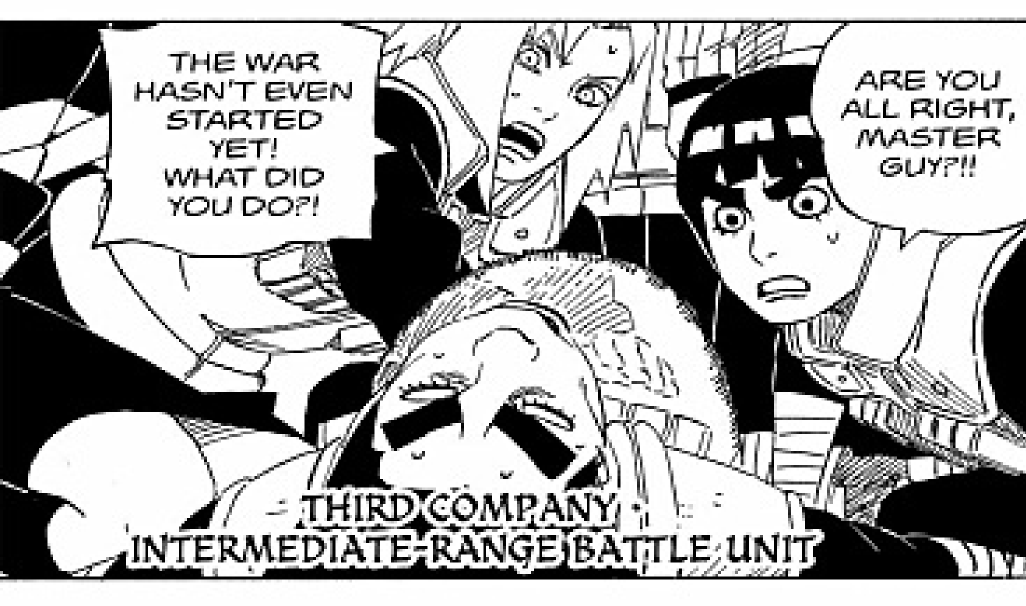


NOW THEN... GAARA, YOU'RE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THIS, THE MAIN BATTLE REGIMENT...

A FEW WORDS, PLEASE, ONCE THEY SETTLE DOWN.

CHATTER...





FINALLY! I'LL TURN THE TIDE OF BATTLE WITH KUROTSUCHI!!!

SECOND COMPANY CAPTAIN KITSUCHI



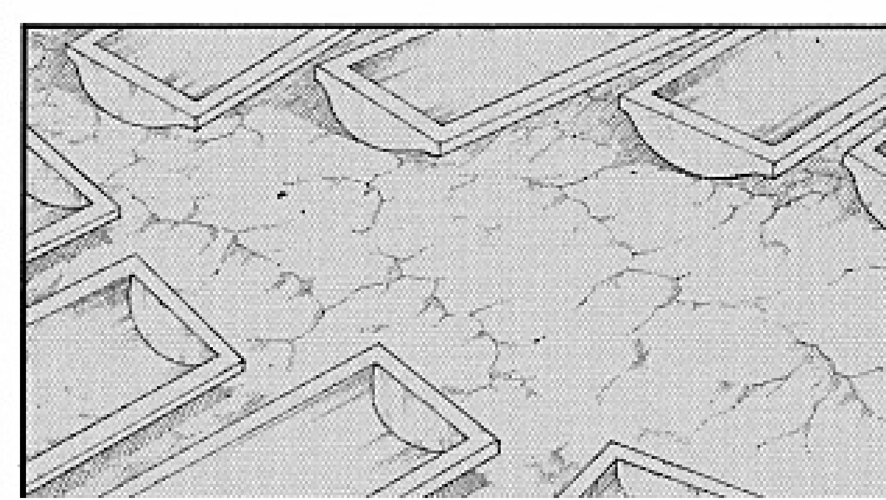

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF PLUS FOURTH COMPANY CAPTAIN
GAARA
...


SO YOU MAY BE DEPUTY CAPTAIN, BUT YOU'RE ESSENTIALLY FOURTH COMPANY CAPTAIN, ALL RIGHT?!
GAARA IS FOURTH COMPANY CAPTAIN, BUT HE'S ALSO OUR COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.
GOTTA EAT WHILE I STILL CAN!!
WHAT A BOTHERSOME ASSIGNMENT... GAH.
FOURTH COMPANY: LONG-RANGE BATTLE UNIT

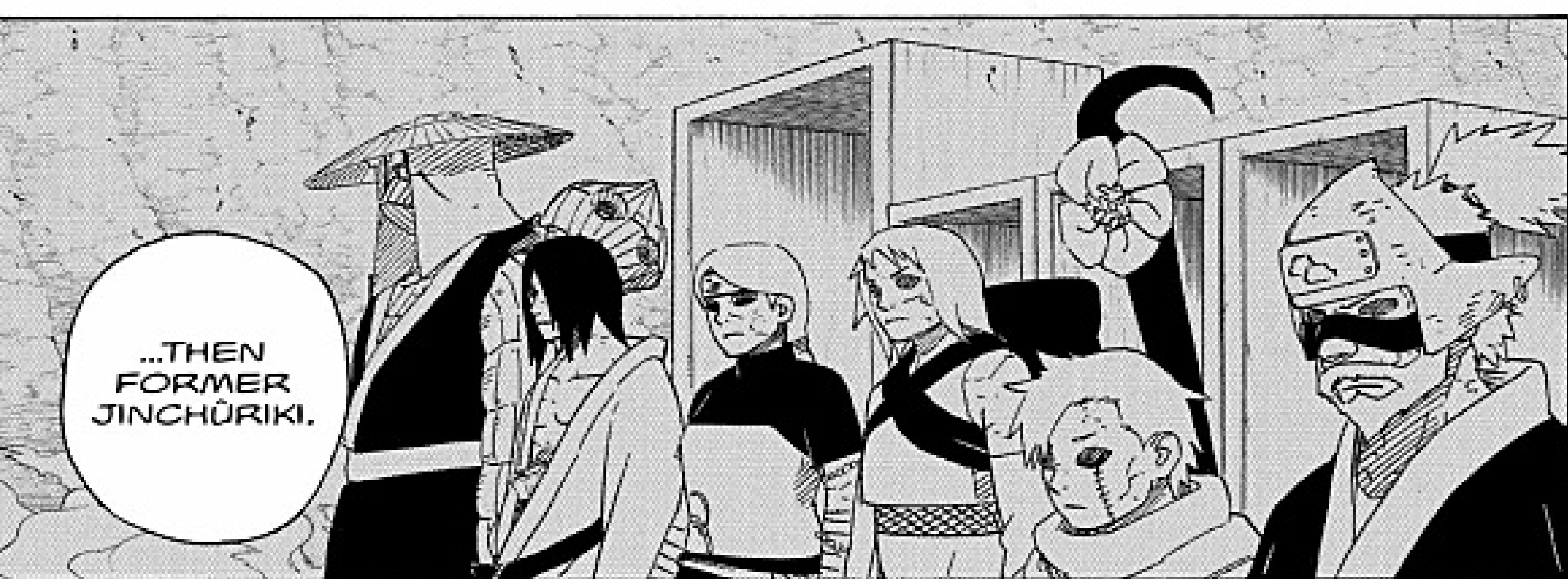

FIFTH COMPANY CAPTAIN
MIFUNE


YOU OUGHT TO BE FINE, SHINO...
MUST AVOID FLASHY BEHAVIOR.
FOOL... DON'T YOU MAKE LIGHT OF WAR!
I'M GONNA MAKE A NAME FOR MYSELF IN THIS WAR AND QUALIFY TO BECOME HOKAGE!
FIFTH COMPANY · SPECIAL BATTLE UNIT

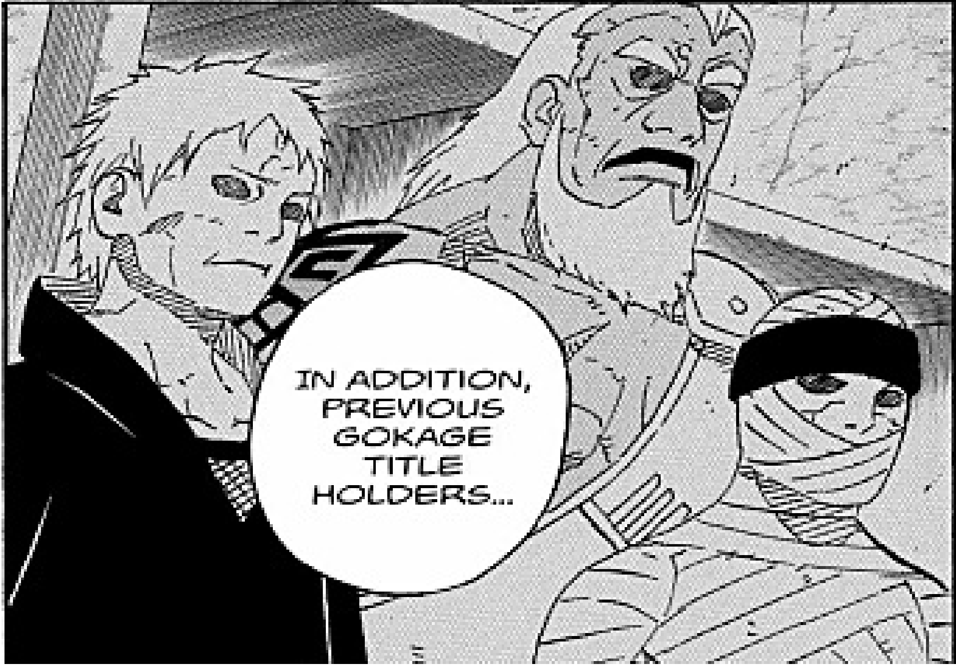

FIRST WE HAVE...



...FORMER AKATSUKI MEMBERS...








LET'S GO... THE WAR BEGINS!!




...A COLLECTION OF OTHER EXCEPTIONAL SHINOBI.




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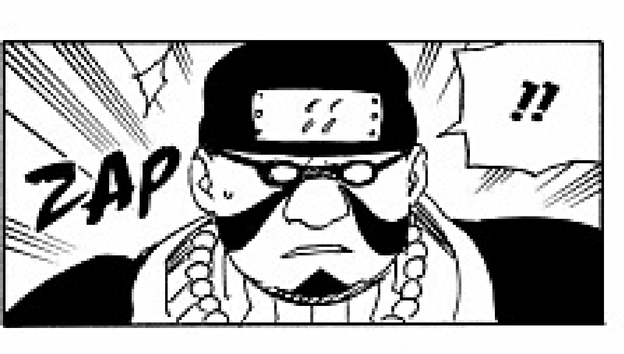

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THEY'RE ON THE MOVE!
A LOT OF THEM!!
YOU ALL GO BACK AND REPORT THIS TO THE MAIN FORCES IMMEDIATELY!
I'LL STAY BEHIND AND INVESTIGATE THE HIDEOUT!
IT'S TOO DANGEROUS TO STAY HERE ON YOUR OWN!
SHUT UP! JUST GO!!
TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK
SSH...
FIZZ...

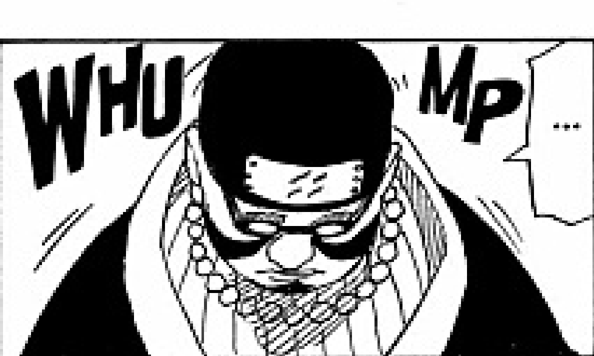

MASTER ZABUZA...
YES. THIS DOESN'T APPEAR TO BE THE NEXT PLANE.
MY MIND IS CRYSTAL CLEAR... BUT MY BODY'S MOVING ON ITS OWN.
IT'S THE EDOTENSEI, A FORBIDDEN JUTSU.
WE'VE BEEN SUMMONED BACK TO THE CORPOREAL PLANE.
AND NOW WE WILL BE MADE TO FIGHT.
SOMEONE WHO'LL EVEN USE THE DEAD, EH.
I DO NOT CARE TO BE USED BY ANY SUCH PERSON.
YOU ALL WILL BE OUR SHOCK UNIT, THE DIVERSION PLATOON.
SSSZZz...
GO BY AIR!


SASORI AND DEIDARA, YOU ATTACK WITH EXPLODING TRAPS.

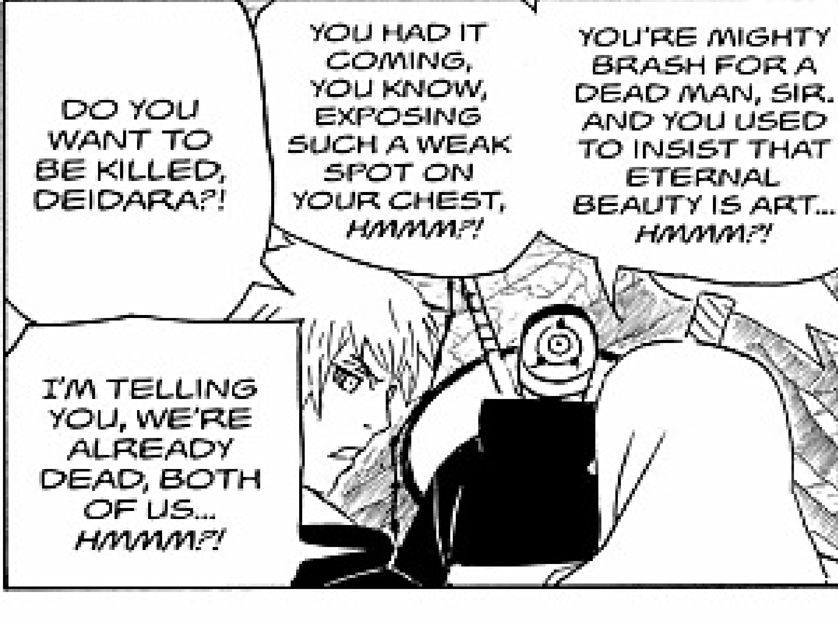

CHUKICHI OF THE MIST AND YOU, FOUNDATION NINJA FROM KONOHA, YOUR JOB IS SENSORY INTEL AND SUPPORT.
WHERE AM I?


YOU'RE AKATSUKI, AREN'T YOU?
IF YOU THINK YOU CAN MAKE US DO YOUR BIDDING...
SHUP
FSH


!!
ZAP

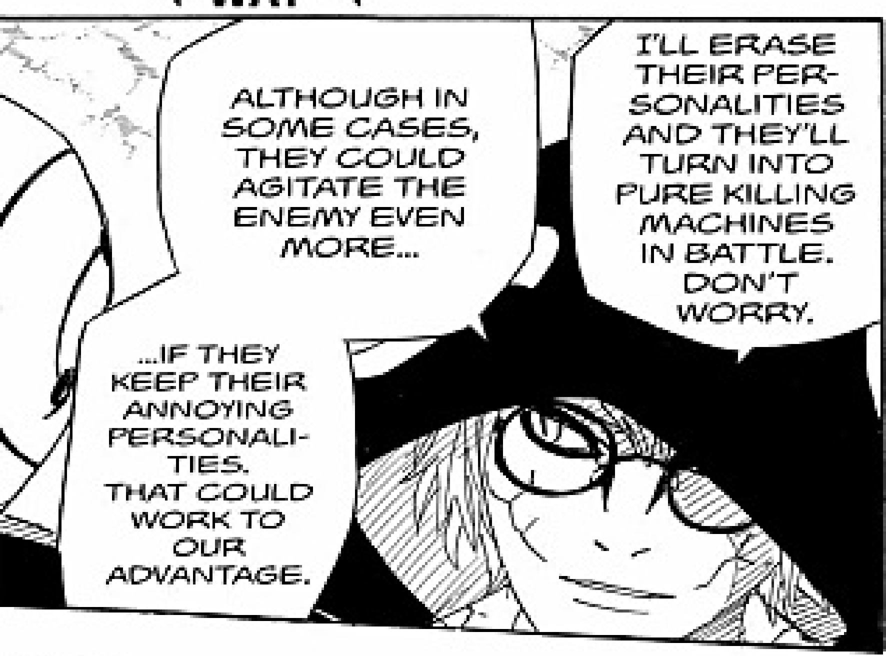

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WHUMP

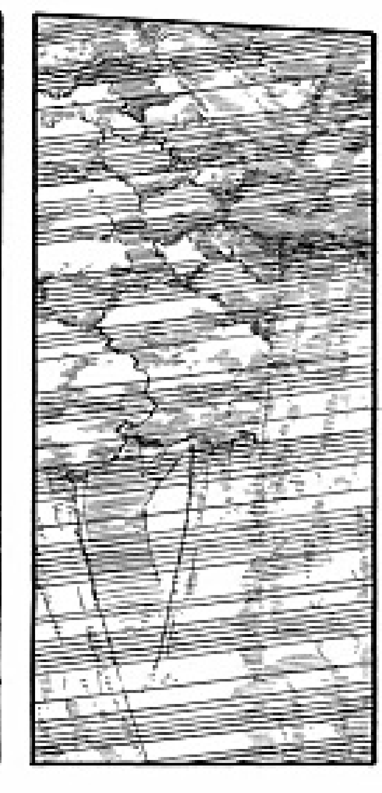

THE AKATSUKI HAS FALLEN SO FAR SO FAST. TO BE MANIPULATED BY SUCH A LIMP, SPINDLY...
AND ONLY ZETSU AND MY REPLACEMENT TOBI ARE STILL AROUND?


YOU'RE MIGHTY BRASH FOR A DEAD MAN, SIR. AND YOU USED TO INSIST THAT ETERNAL BEAUTY IS ART... *HMMM?!*
YOU HAD IT COMING, YOU KNOW, EXPOSING SUCH A WEAK SPOT ON YOUR CHEST, *HMMM?!*
DO YOU WANT TO BE KILLED, DEIDARA?!
I'M TELLING YOU, WE'RE ALREADY DEAD, BOTH OF US... *HMMM?!*


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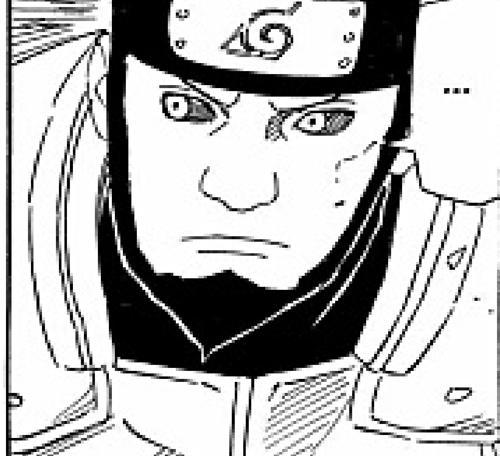

ARE YOU SURE THIS IS GOING TO WORK?
SHUP
IT IS A BIT DIFFICULT TO CONTROL SO MANY REANIMATED SHINOBI.
WHICH IS WHY I'M JUST FOCUSING ON GETTING THEM INTO PLACE RIGHT NOW.
ONCE THERE, I'M IN TOTAL CONTROL.


I'LL ERASE THEIR PER-SONALITIES AND THEY'LL TURN INTO PURE KILLING MACHINES IN BATTLE. DON'T WORRY.
ALTHOUGH IN SOME CASES, THEY COULD AGITATE THE ENEMY EVEN MORE...
...IF THEY KEEP THEIR ANNOYING PERSONALI-TIES. THAT COULD WORK TO OUR ADVANTAGE.



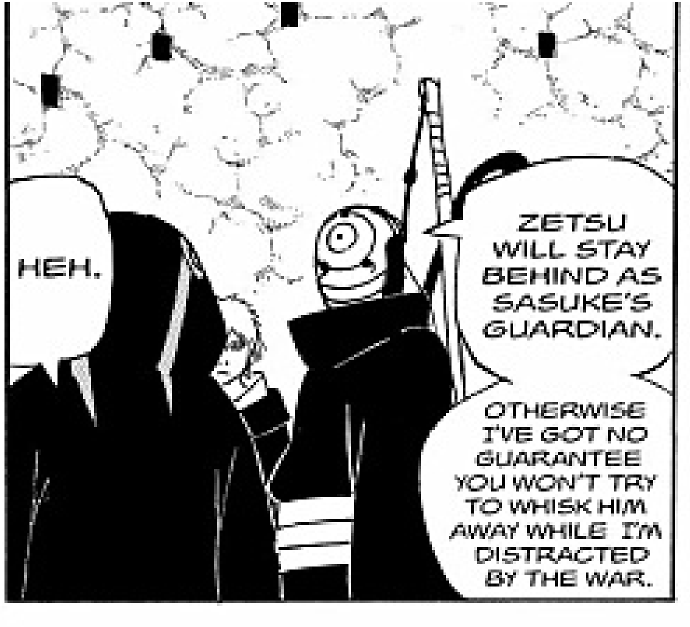

MASTER DAN?!
SHOOM
YES. WE ARE UNITED IN DEATH, YOU AND I.
THIS IS A FORBIDDEN JUTSU WHERE SOULS OF THE DEAD ARE SUMMONED TO INHABIT THE BODIES OF LIVING SACRIFICES.

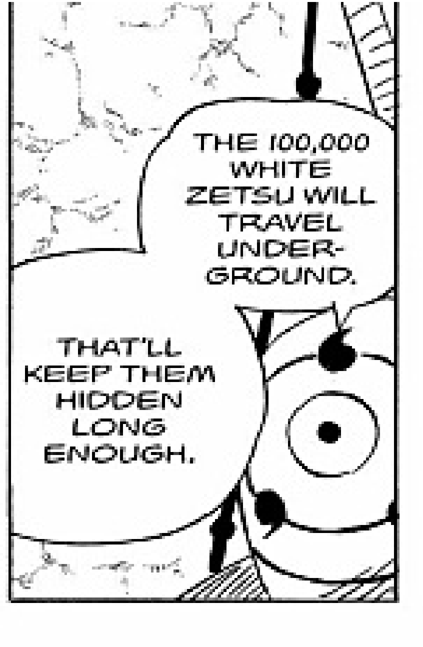

WHAT'S HAPPENING?


...


I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS....


YOU'RE NOT TAKING TWO-TONED ZETSU.


ZETSU WILL STAY BEHIND AS SASUKE'S GUARDIAN.
OTHERWISE I'VE GOT NO GUARANTEE YOU WON'T TRY TO WHISK HIM AWAY WHILE I'M DISTRACTED BY THE WAR.
HEH.


THE 100,000 WHITE ZETSU WILL TRAVEL UNDER-GROUND.
THAT'LL KEEP THEM HIDDEN LONG ENOUGH.




ZWWW...


ZWWW...

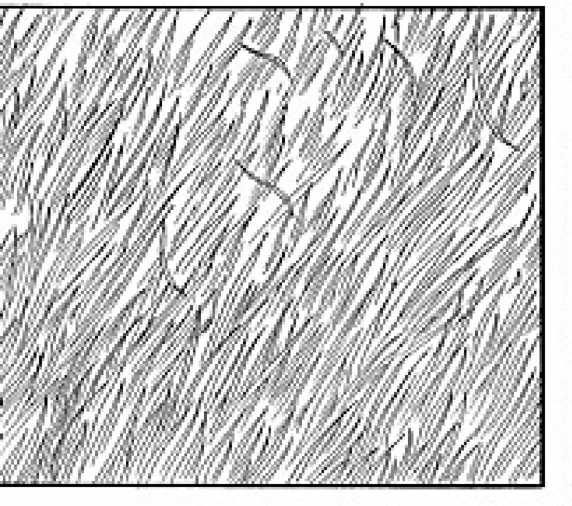
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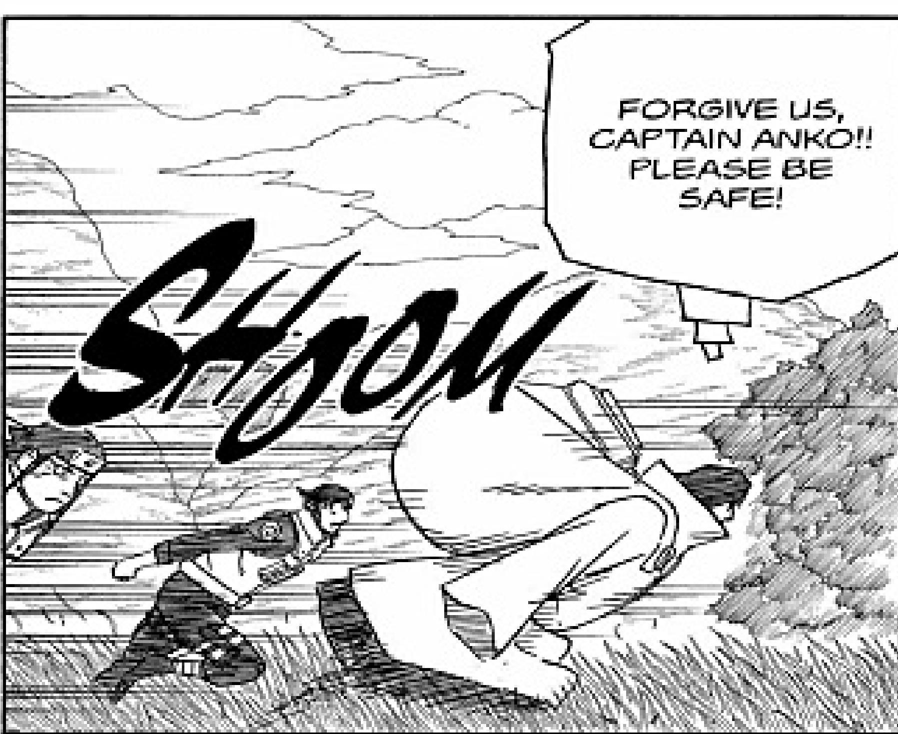


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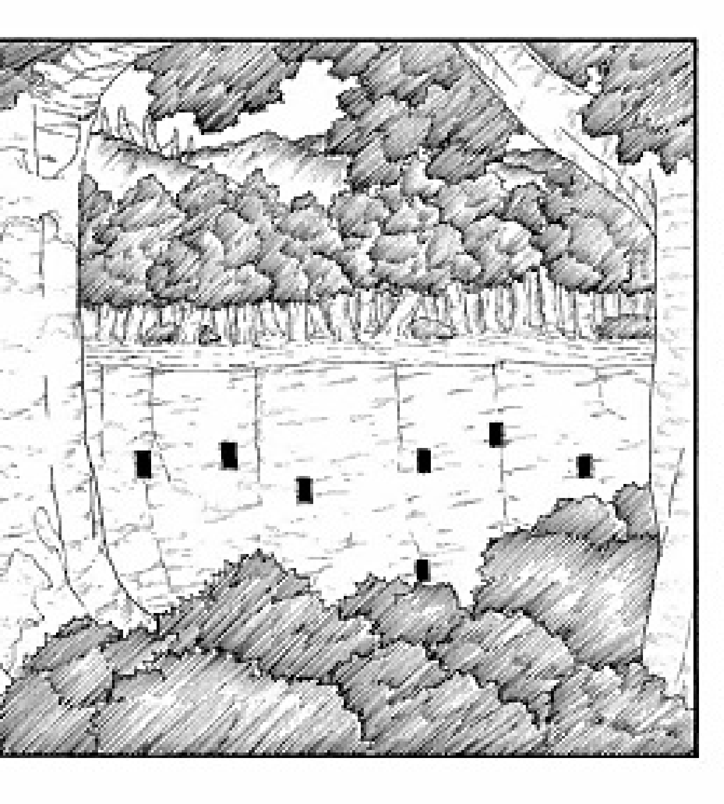


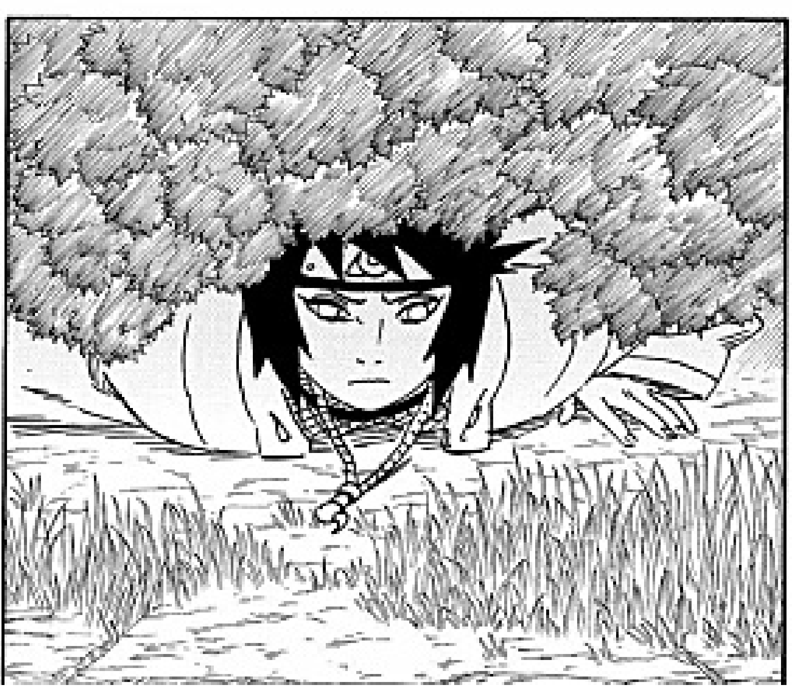
TIME FOR US TO HEAD OUT.
BUT FIRST...





FORGIVE US, CAPTAIN ANKO!! PLEASE BE SAFE!
SHOOM







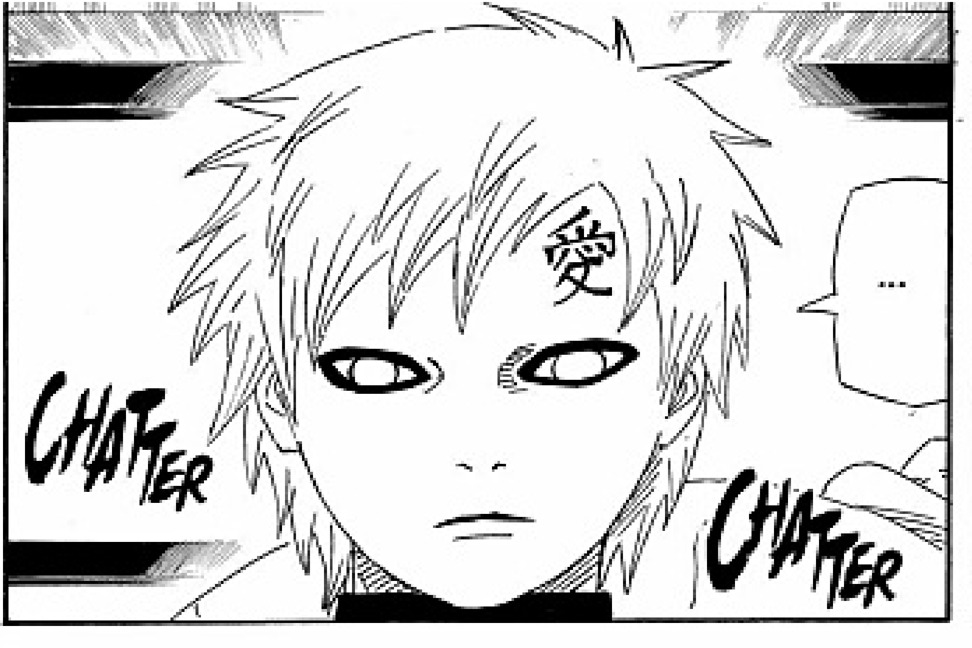
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FLAP
FLAP
MUTA, LANKA! KEEP RUNNING!
I'LL STOP THEM HERE!
WHAT?
SCREECH
!!


MULTIPLE STRIKING SHADOW SNAKES!!
...O...VER... THERE...
IT'S JUST AS KABUTO SAID. THREE OF 'EM, TOWARDS TWO O'CLOCK.




CHATTER
CHATTER
...


WILL WE BE ALL RIGHT WITH SUCH A YOUNG COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF...?
LORD GAARA IS NOT YOUR AVERAGE YOUNG MAN!
DON'T DISPARAGE WHAT YOU KNOW NOTHING ABOUT!


HUMPH! HOW WOULD I KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT HIM?! WE'VE BARELY BEEN ON THE SAME SIDE FOR A MINUTE!
AND I DON'T TRUST **YOU**, SO WATCH YOUR MOUTH.

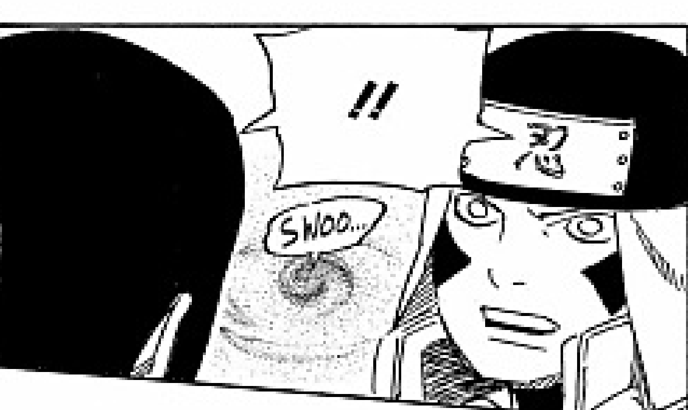

IT CAN'T BE HELPED. ENEMIES AREN'T GOING TO JOIN UP AND FIGHT ON THE SAME SIDE OVER-NIGHT WITHOUT SOME PROBLEMS.
NO ONE TRUSTS EACH OTHER.
ESPE-CIALLY STONE AND SAND.

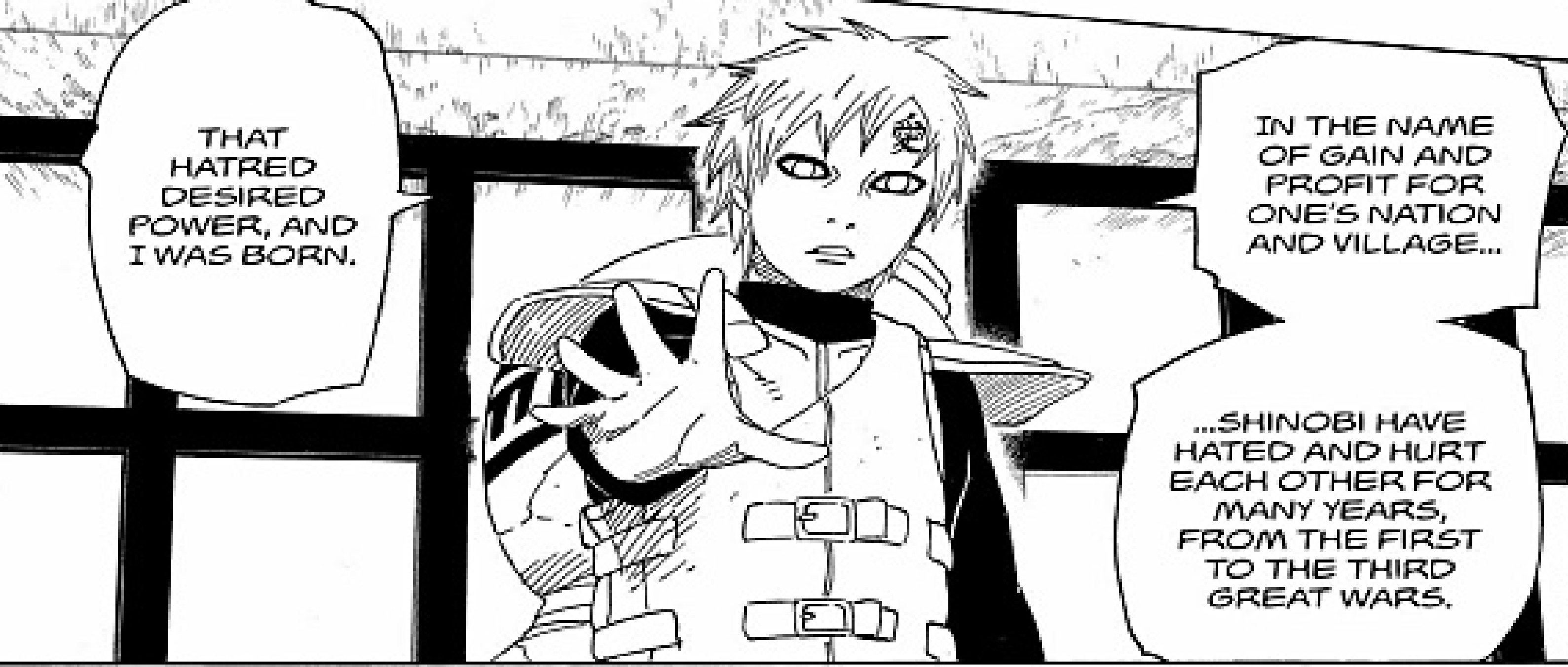

YOU SAND SHINOBI KILLED MY FATHER! I'LL AVENGE HIM BY KILLING YOU!!
WHAT?! YOU WANNA FIGHT?!
HEY! STOP!


READ
THIS
WAY

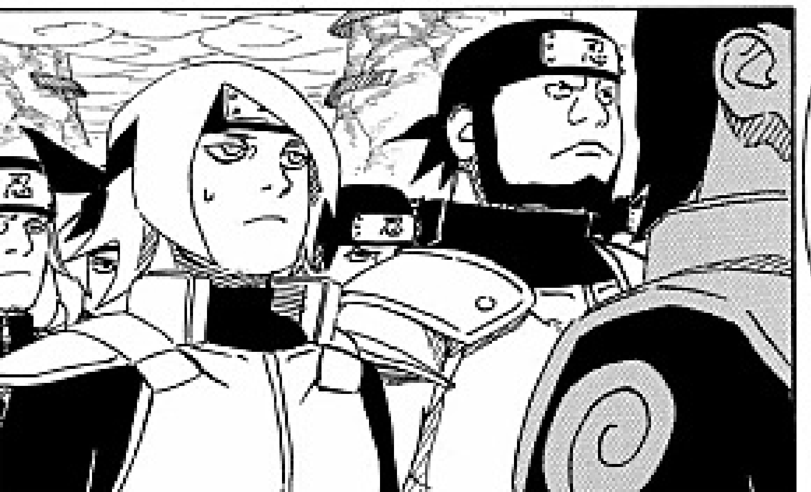

SIGH...


!!
WISH
UGH!
!


!!
SWOO...


IN THE NAME OF GAIN AND PROFIT FOR ONE'S NATION AND VILLAGE...
...SHINOBI HAVE HATED AND HURT EACH OTHER FOR MANY YEARS, FROM THE FIRST TO THE THIRD GREAT WARS.
THAT HATRED DESIRED POWER, AND I WAS BORN.


...
IN THE PAST, I WAS HATRED AND POWER, AND A JINCHŪRIKI.

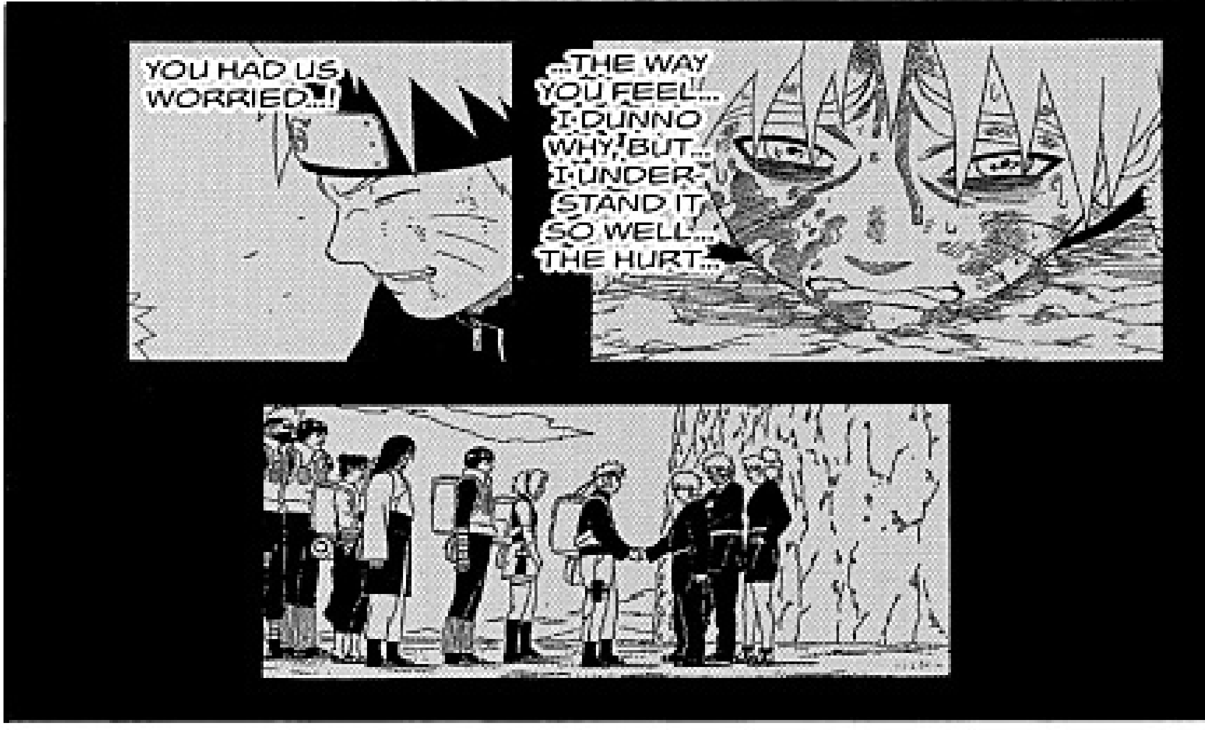


I HATED THIS WORLD AND ALL PEOPLE. AND I OFTEN THOUGHT ABOUT DESTROYING BOTH.

IN SOME WAYS, I WAS NO DIFFERENT THAN THE AKATSUKI IN MY PLANS.



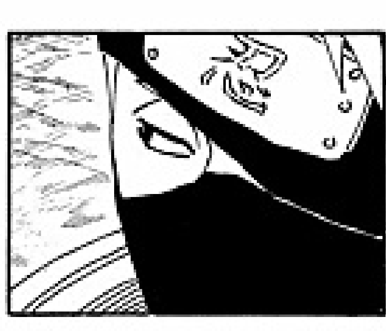







THAT SHINOBI CRIED FOR ME, HIS ENEMY!
HE CALLED ME FRIEND EVEN THOUGH WE HAD DONE BATTLE!!


HE SAVED ME!!
WE WERE ON DIFFERENT SIDES, BUT WE WERE BOTH JINCHŪRIKI.
THERE CAN BE NO BAD BLOOD BETWEEN THOSE WHO HAVE EXPERI-ENCED THE SAME PAIN!
THUMP






THERE ARE NO ENEMIES HERE IN FRONT OF ME!!
FOR WE **ALL** BEAR THE PAIN OF HAVING BEEN HURT BY THE AKATSUKI!
THERE IS NO SAND, NO STONE, NO LEAF, NO MIST OR CLOUD!!



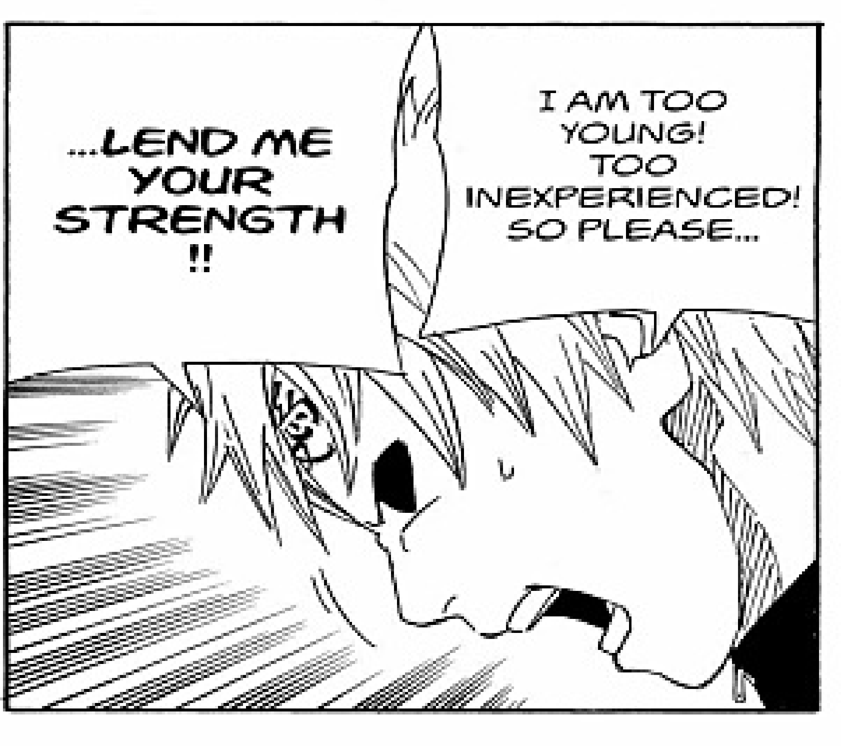

THERE IS ONLY *SHINOBI*!!


...


THE TIDE HAS TURNED.


IF YOU STILL CAN'T FORGIVE SAND...
...YOU CAN COME BACK AND FACE ME WHEN THIS WAR IS OVER!!

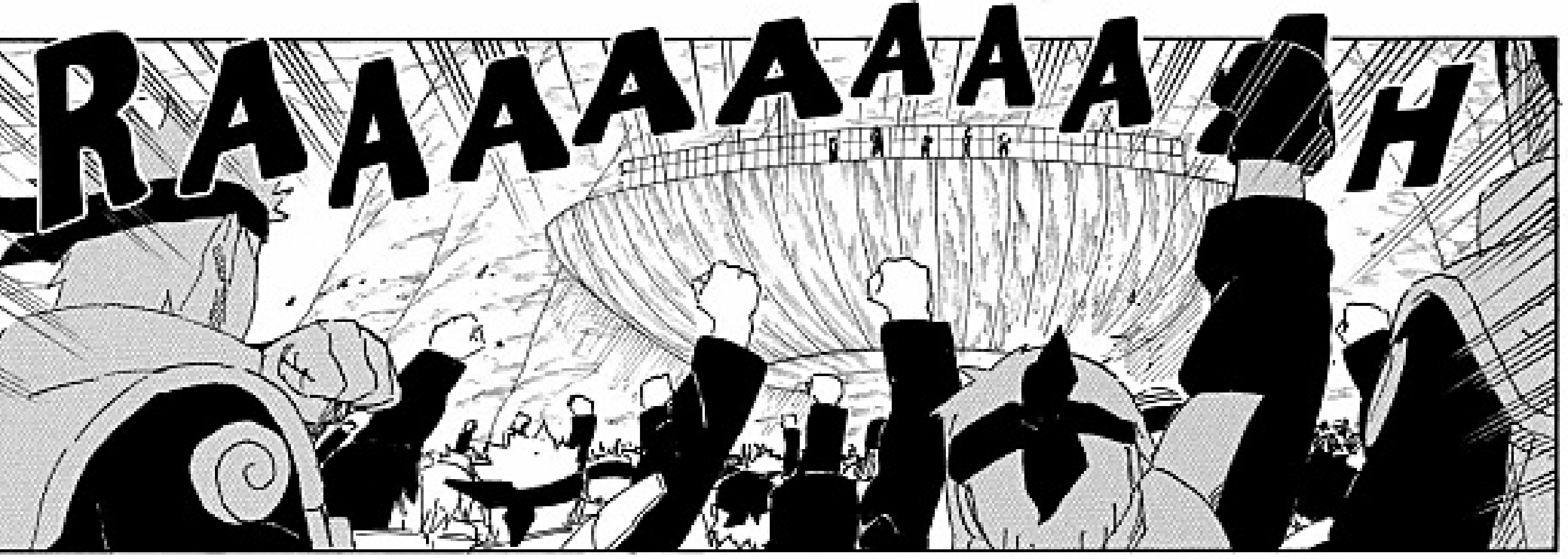

THAT FRIEND WHO SAVED ME IS NOW A TARGET OF OUR ENEMY!!!
IF HE FALLS INTO THEIR HANDS, THIS WORLD AS WE KNOW IT IS FINISHED!!
I WANT TO PROTECT THAT FRIEND, AND THIS WORLD!!

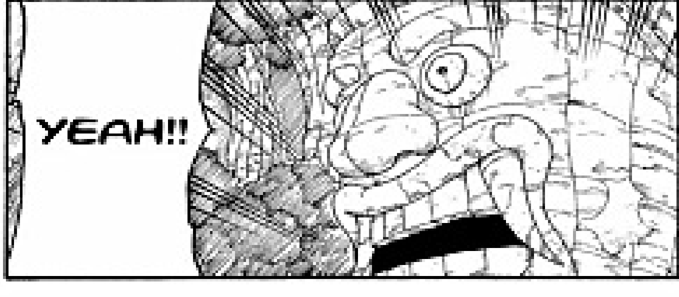

I AM TOO YOUNG! TOO INEXPERIENCED! SO PLEASE...
...LEND ME YOUR STRENGTH!!


OF COURSE, LORD GAARA!!
WHOO!!
RAAAAAAH


APOLO-GIES.
...YES...
...APOLO-GIES...


RAAAAR
ALL WHO FEEL AS I DO, FOLLOW ME!!

RAAAH
NOT TOO BAD, GAARA!
LORD GAARA...!

RAAAAAAAAAH

RRR
RRR
NICELY DONE.

YEAH!!

I DID IT!


BZP
?!
BZP
NEXT IS THE FINAL DRILL... SAD BUT TRUE, IT'S HARD TO *PROCEED* ♪ BUT WE MUST MOVE FORWARD WITH THE *DEED* ♪

ZOOOOM

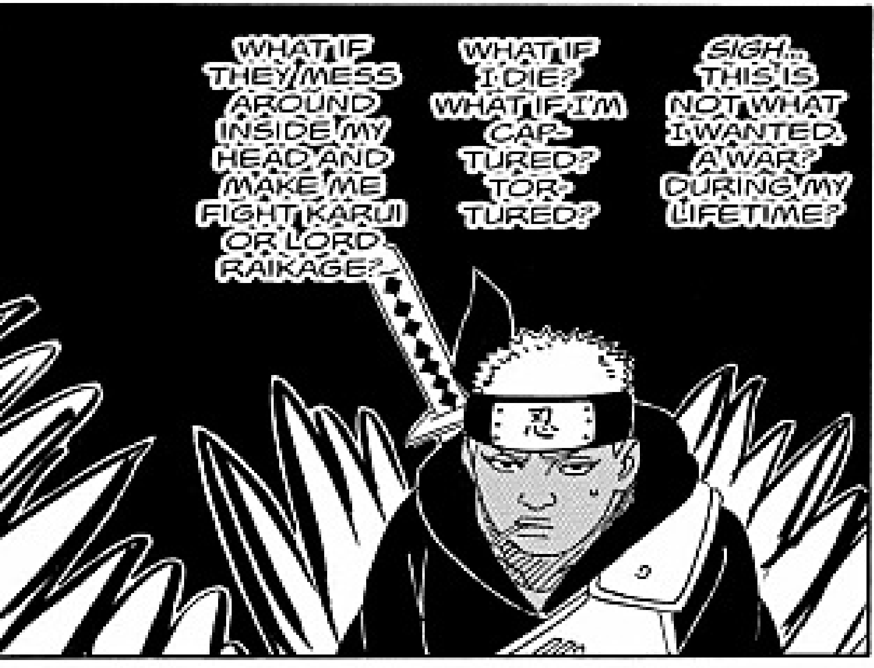

ZWOOOO


THIS FOURTH GREAT NINJA WAR... WE **WILL** WIN IT!
WAFT
YES!!
WAFT
WE WILL!


NARUTO

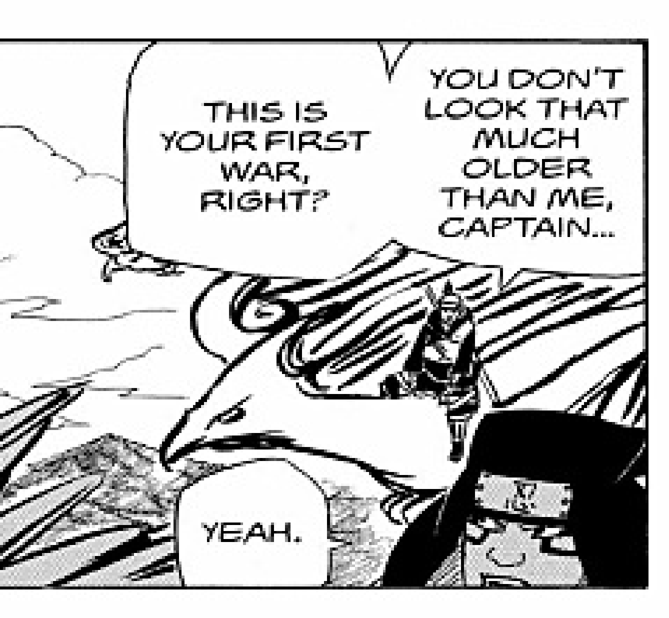
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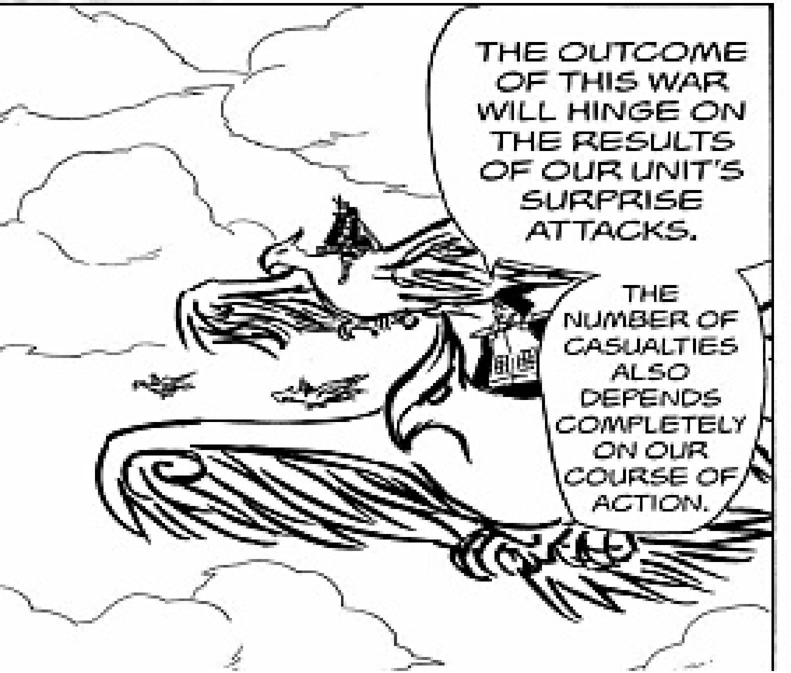






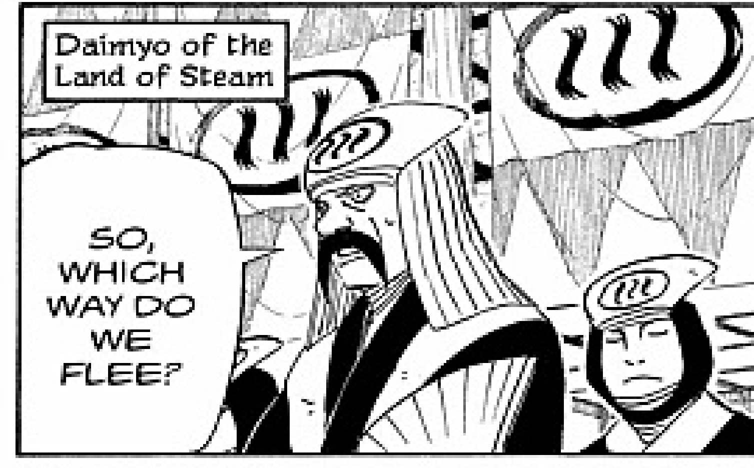


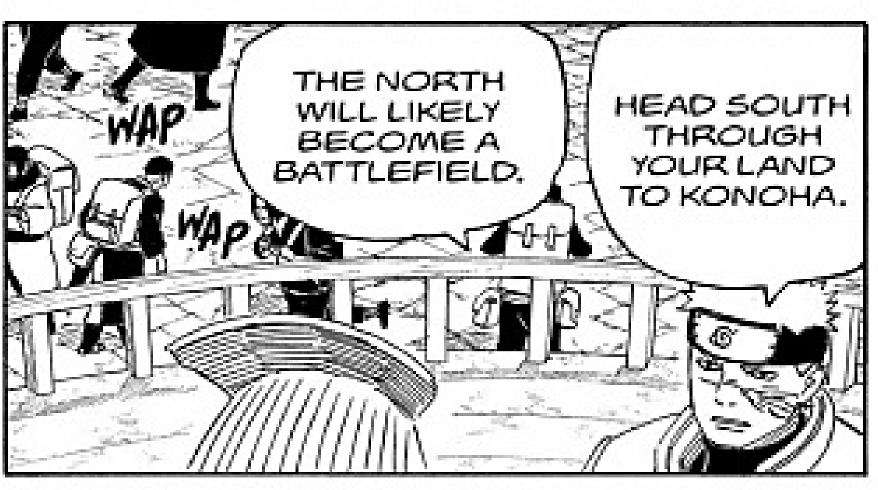


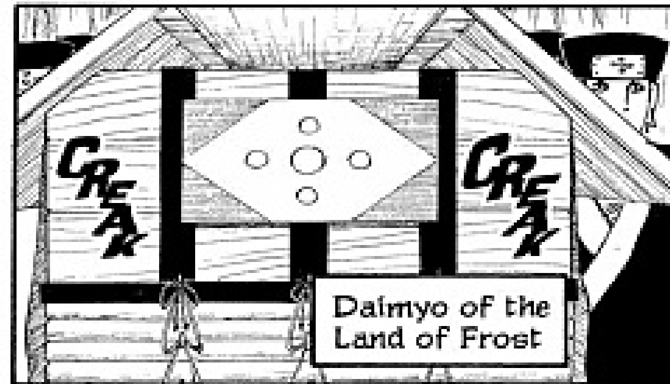


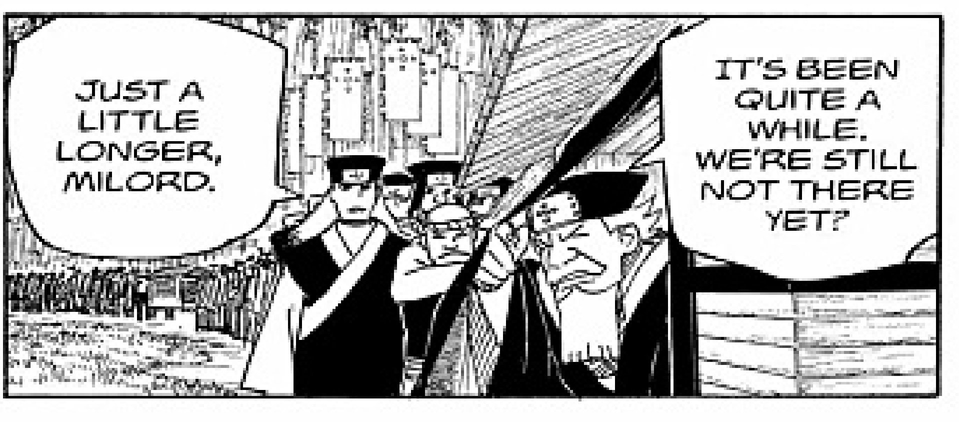

IF YOU WANT TO PROTECT YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR FRIENDS!
SO THINK ONLY OF SUCCEEDING!


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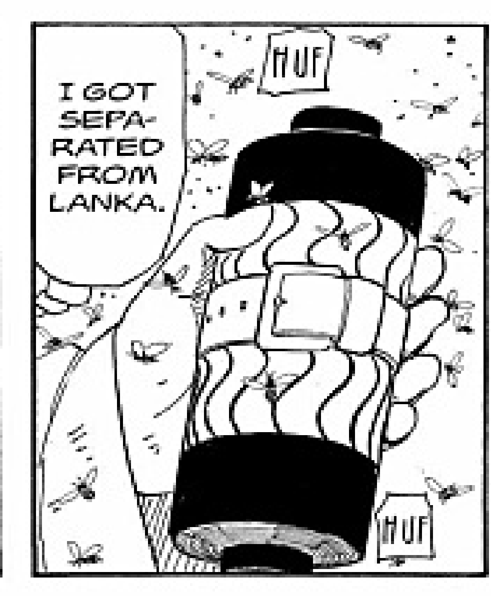

Daimyo of the Land of Steam
SO, WHICH WAY DO WE FLEE?

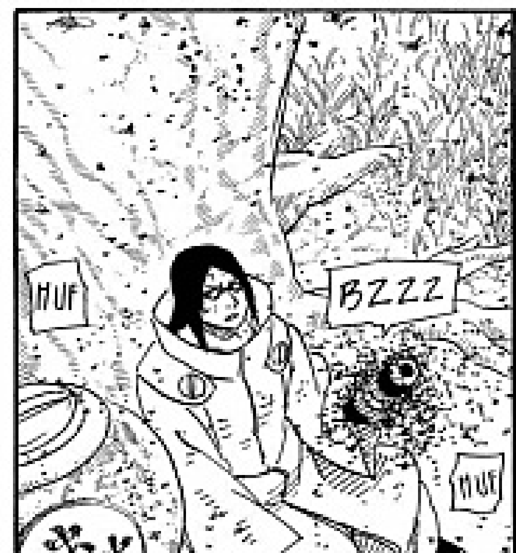

HEAD SOUTH THROUGH YOUR LAND TO KONOHA.
THE NORTH WILL LIKELY BECOME A BATTLEFIELD.
WAP
WAP


CREAK
CREAK
Daimyo of the Land of Frost


IT'S BEEN QUITE A WHILE. WE'RE STILL NOT THERE YET?
JUST A LITTLE LONGER, MILORD.


READ
THIS
WAY


I GOT SEPA-RATED FROM LANKA.
HUF
HUF


HUF
BZZZ
HUF

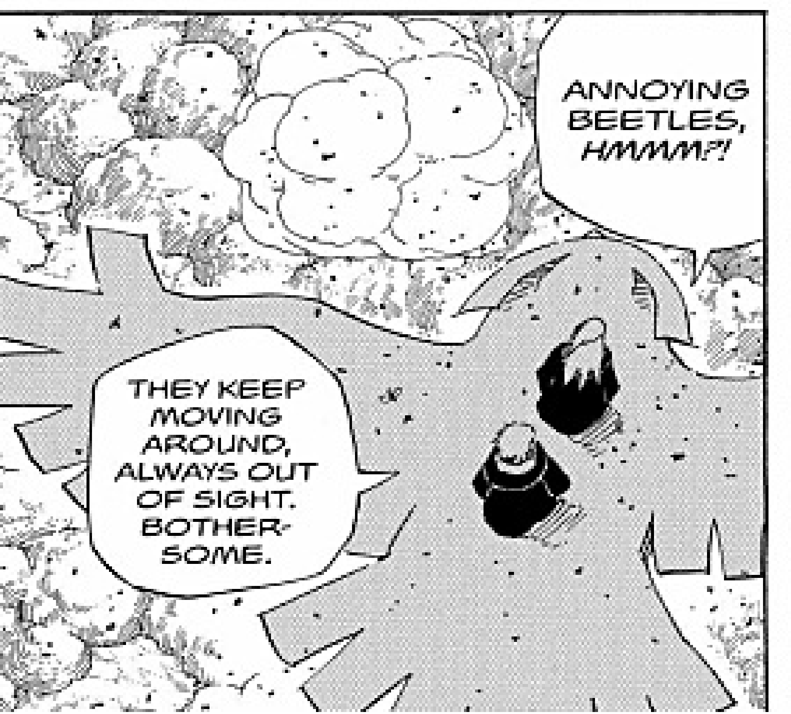

GET IT SAFELY TO HQ.
FLAP

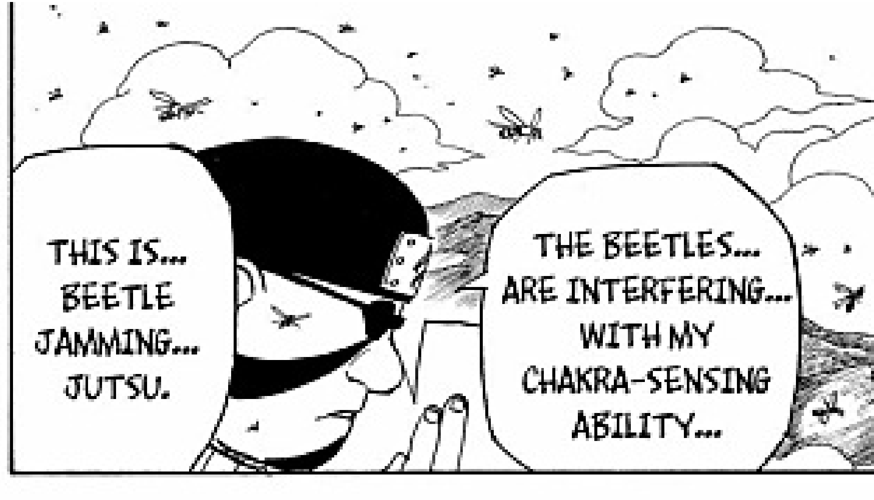

UGH...
I NEED TO RENDEZVOUS WITH THE MAIN REGIMENT!

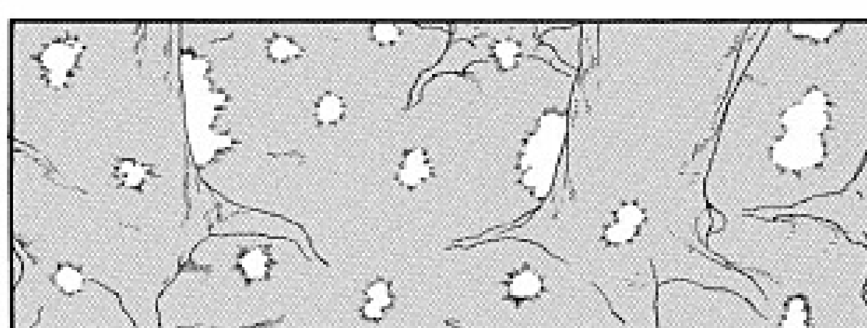

KA
BOOM

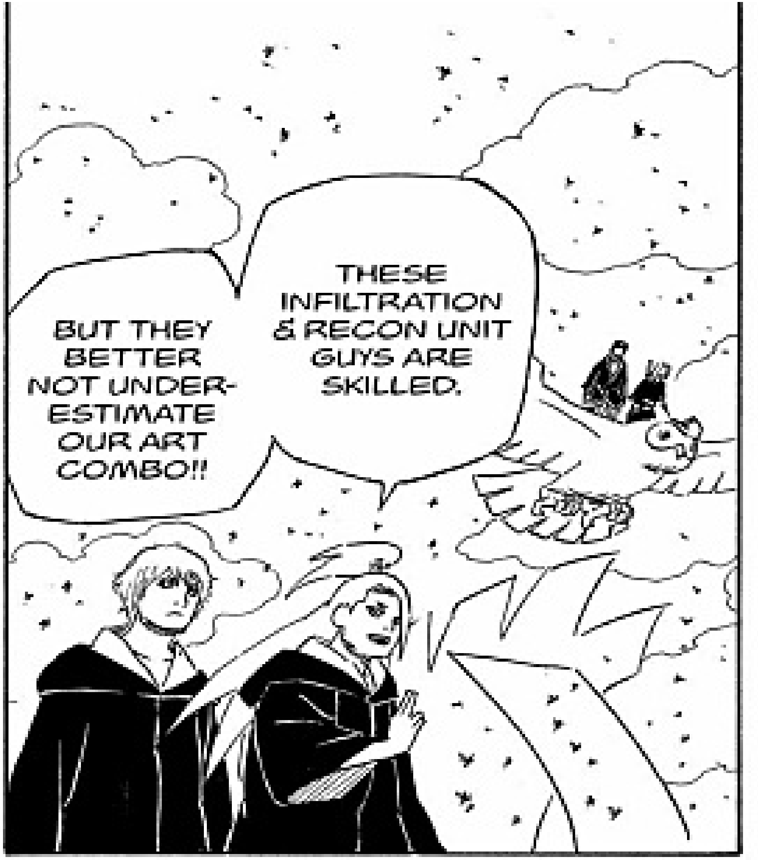

UGH!
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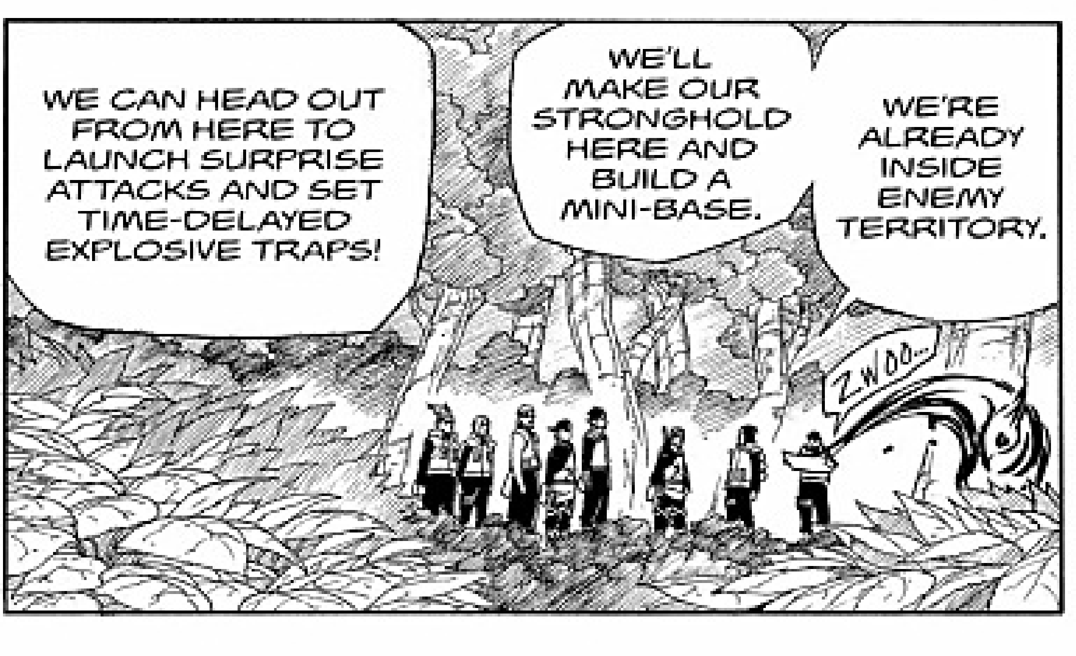

ANNOYING BEETLES, HMMM?!
THEY KEEP MOVING AROUND, ALWAYS OUT OF SIGHT. BOTHER-SOME.


THE BEETLES... ARE INTERFERING... WITH MY CHAKRA-SENSING ABILITY...
THIS IS... BEETLE JAMMING... JUTSU.




THESE INFILTRATION & RECON UNIT GUYS ARE SKILLED.
BUT THEY BETTER NOT UNDER-ESTIMATE OUR ART COMBO!!




WE'RE ALREADY INSIDE ENEMY TERRITORY.
WE'LL MAKE OUR STRONGHOLD HERE AND BUILD A MINI-BASE.
WE CAN HEAD OUT FROM HERE TO LAUNCH SURPRISE ATTACKS AND SET TIME-DELAYED EXPLOSIVE TRAPS!
ZWOO...

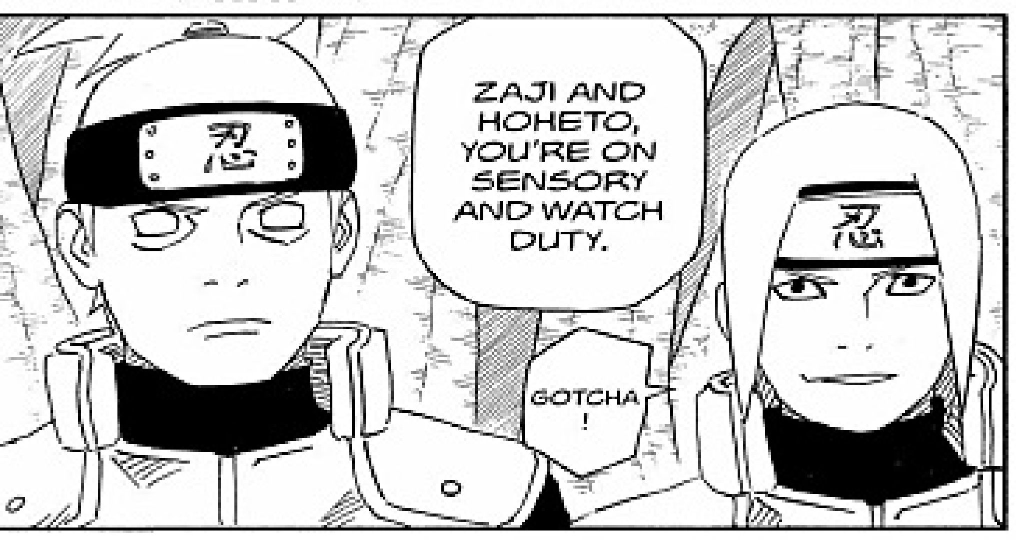

IT NEEDS TO HAVE A 10-METER RADIUS, WITH ENTRANCE AND EGRESS POINTS AT 2 O'CLOCK AND 6 O'CLOCK!
OMOI, GO SET EXPLOSIVE TAG TRAPS AT ALL OTHER CLOCK HAND POINTS.


SAI, YOU'LL REMAIN ON AERIAL SURVEILLANCE!
YESSIR!

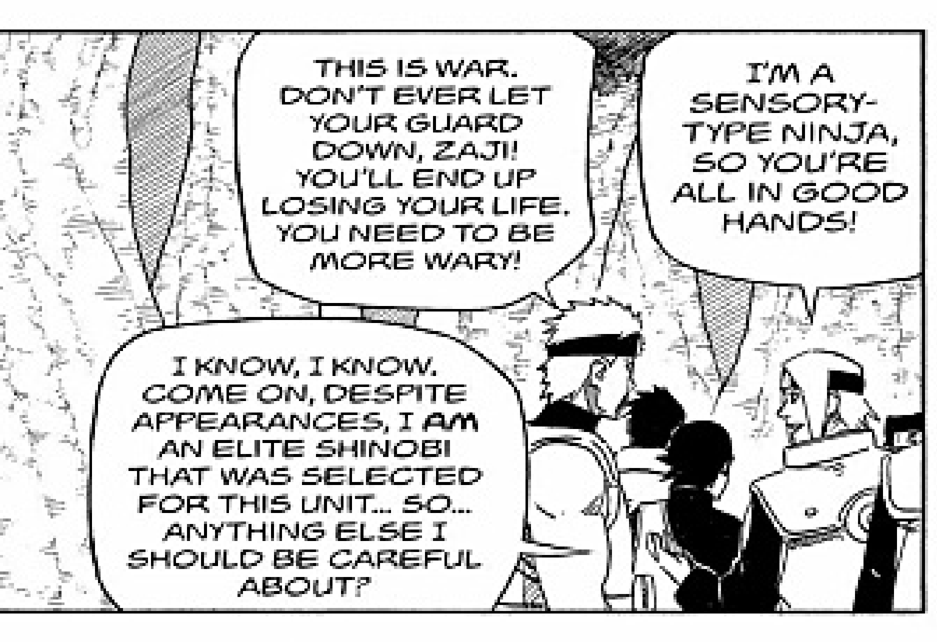

ITTAN, USE DOTON TO CONSTRUCT A TRENCH!


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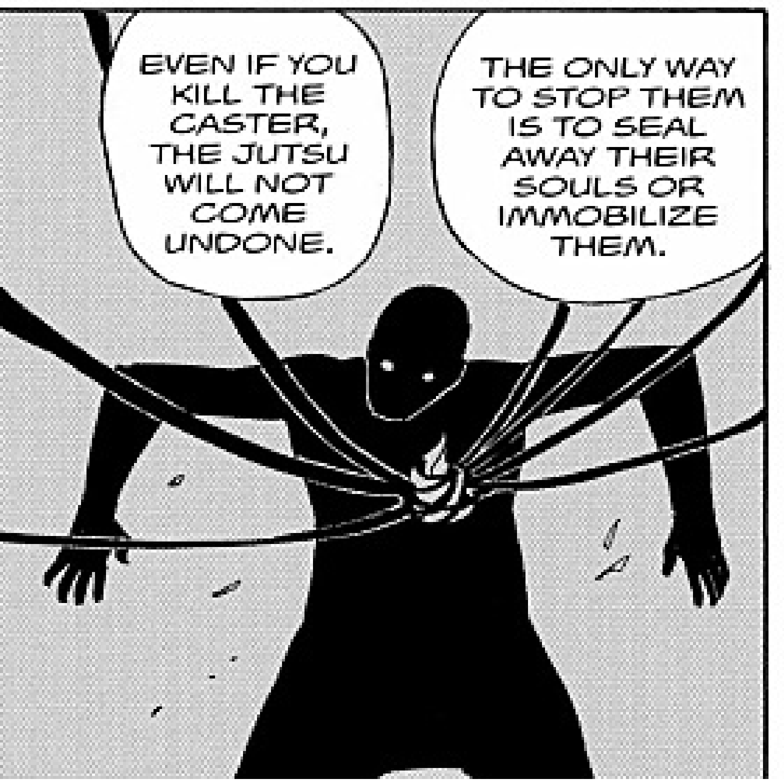

TANGO, ERECT A CHAKRA COM-MUNICATION ANTENNA.
SURE!


ZAJI AND HOHETO, YOU'RE ON SENSORY AND WATCH DUTY.
GOTCHA!


KIRI AND I WILL REVIEW OUR STRATAGEM.
ROGER.

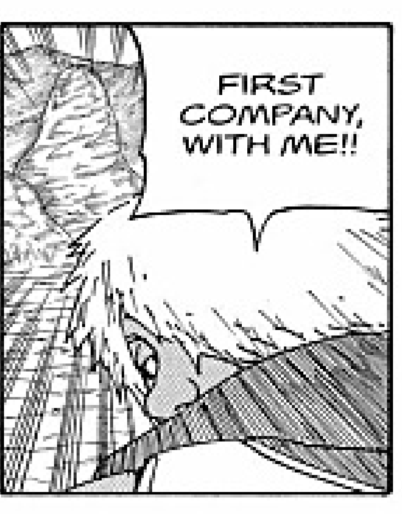

I'M A SENSORY-TYPE NINJA, SO YOU'RE ALL IN GOOD HANDS!
THIS IS WAR. DON'T EVER LET YOUR GUARD DOWN, ZAJI! YOU'LL END UP LOSING YOUR LIFE. YOU NEED TO BE MORE WARY!
I KNOW, I KNOW. COME ON, DESPITE APPEARANCES, I AM AN ELITE SHINOBI THAT WAS SELECTED FOR THIS UNIT... SO... ANYTHING ELSE I SHOULD BE CAREFUL ABOUT?

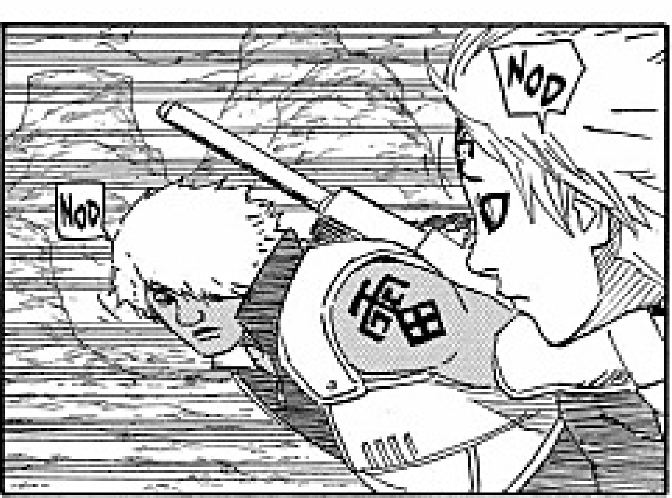

KABUTO WILL COME AT US WITH A DARK NINJUTSU OF OROCHIMARU'S CALLED THE EDOTENSEI.
ACCORDING TO OUR INTEL, IT INVOLVES THE RESURRECTED DEAD. AND THEY CANNOT DIE AGAIN.

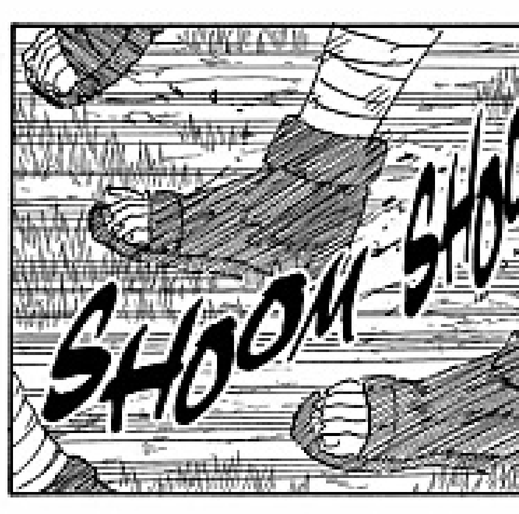

THE ONLY WAY TO STOP THEM IS TO SEAL AWAY THEIR SOULS OR IMMOBILIZE THEM.
EVEN IF YOU KILL THE CASTER, THE JUTSU WILL NOT COME UNDONE.

ALL UNITS HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO MAKE FINDING AND CAPTURING KABUTO TOP PRIORITY.

HE'LL THEN BE PLACED UNDER GENJUTSU AND FORCED TO UNDO THIS BOTHERSOME JUTSU... THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN TOLD.

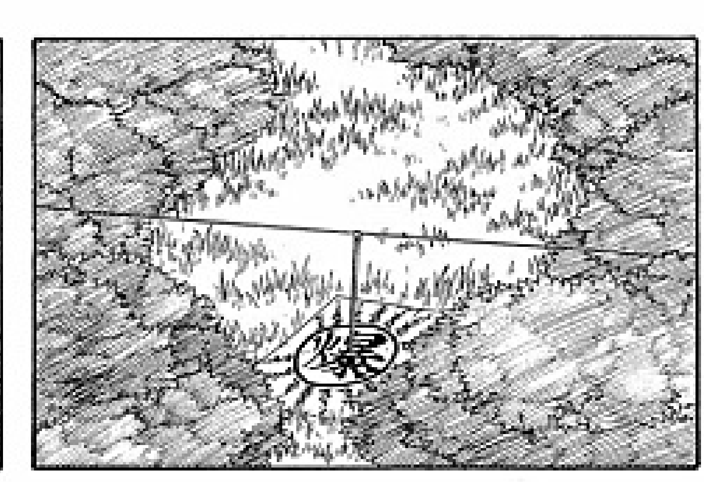






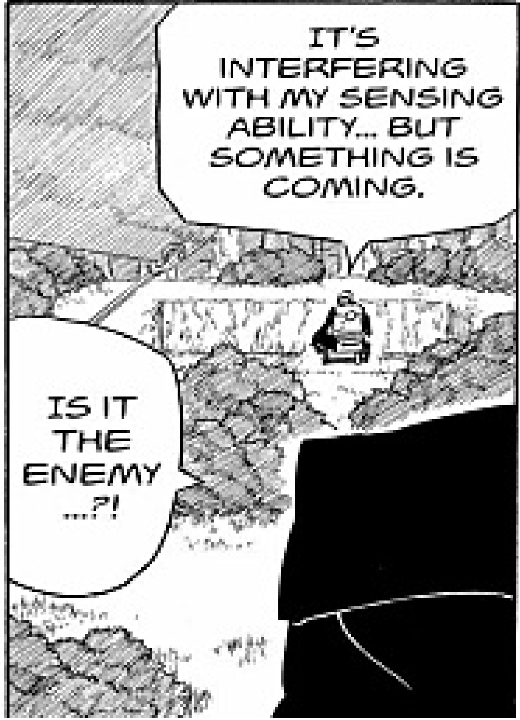



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WHAT IS IT?
THIS IS JAMMING JUTSU...

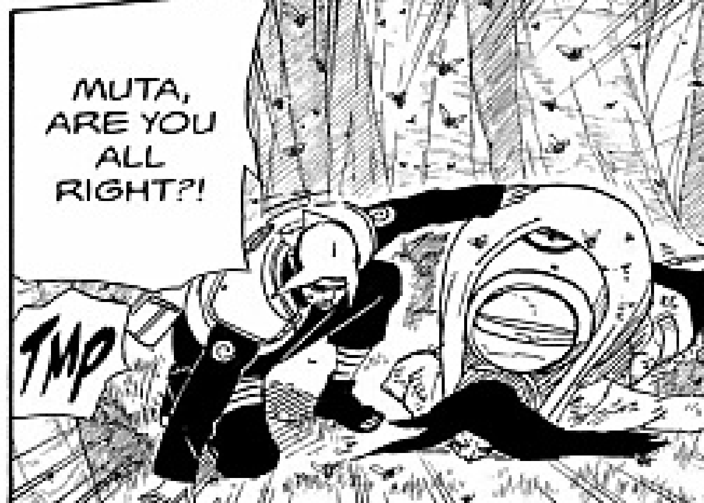

IT'S INTERFERING WITH MY SENSING ABILITY... BUT SOMETHING IS COMING.
IS IT THE ENEMY ...?!


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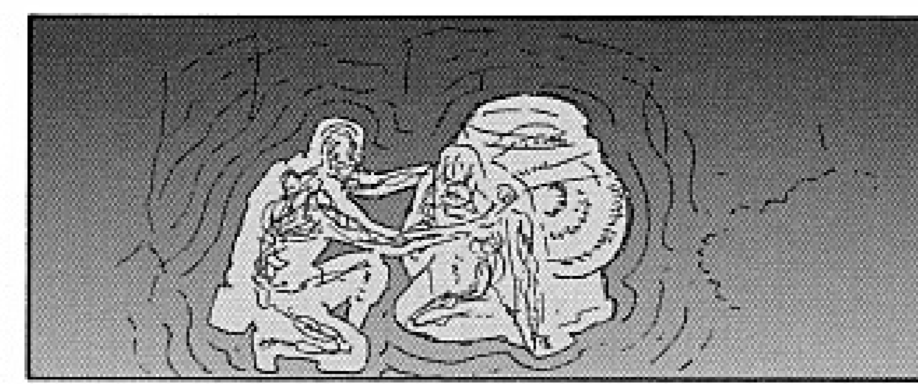

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THAT'S MUTA! I CAN TELL FROM THE CHAKRA. IT'S REALLY HIM!
HE'S ABURAME, PART OF THE ADVANCE SCOUTING PARTY...!
TAK


HOLD ON! HEY!
THERE ARE TRAPS IN THAT AREA!
I'LL GO RETRIEVE HIM!


MUTA, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
TMP


HOHETO!
I KNOW!!
BYAKUGAN!!




GET AWAY... FROM ME...
?!

THAT BEETLE BAG ON HIS BACK! THOSE ARE NOT ABURAME CLAN BEETLES INSIDE!

RASH FOOL!

HUH?!

CHACK

TAK

TAK

FSH

TMP

TMP

HE'S RUNNING STRAIGHT AT US, USING ZAJI AS A SHIELD! WHAT DO WE DO?!

!!

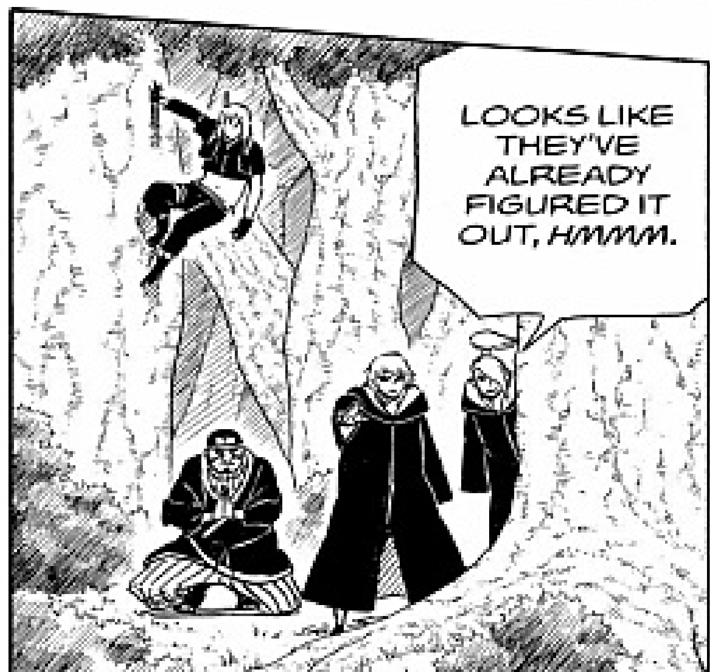
THOSE MOVES. IT CAN'T BE?!

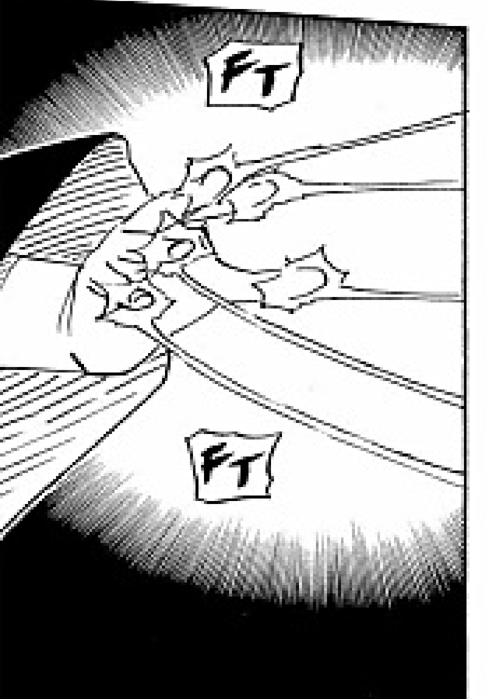
BZP

BZP

BZP







DO IT, DEIDARA...

ITTAN, GO FOR IT!!

THERE'S A LARGE WHITE MASS OF CHAKRA INSIDE MUTA'S BEETLE SACK! SOMETHING'S GOING ON!!



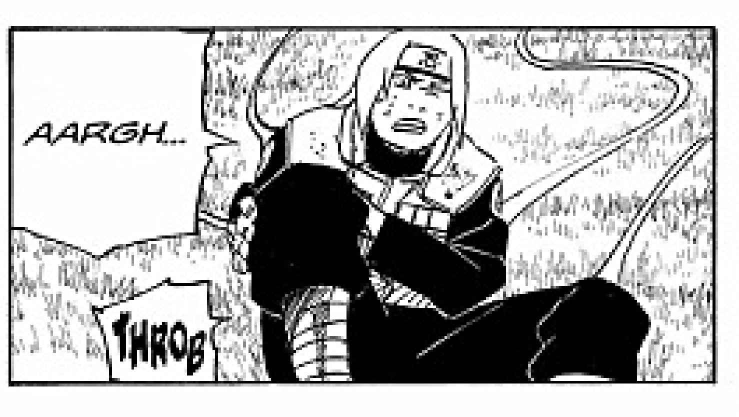




HUH?!
KA BOOM


STILL... THERE...!

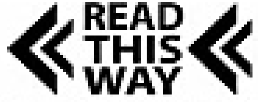

HEH HEH HEH! NOW THAT'S ART! ARE THEY ALL SMITH-EREENS? HMMM?
CHECK FOR THEM.
SHUP SHUP


AARGH...
THROB


KIRI... WORK ON HEALING ZAJI.
THE REST OF YOU, THE NEXT ATTACK IS COMING! ON YOUR GUARDS!
SNIP
SNIP


NO TIME TO EVEN MOURN YOUR COMRADE'S DEATH. SO THAT'S WAR, HUH?


I COULDN'T SAVE THE ABURAME GUY!

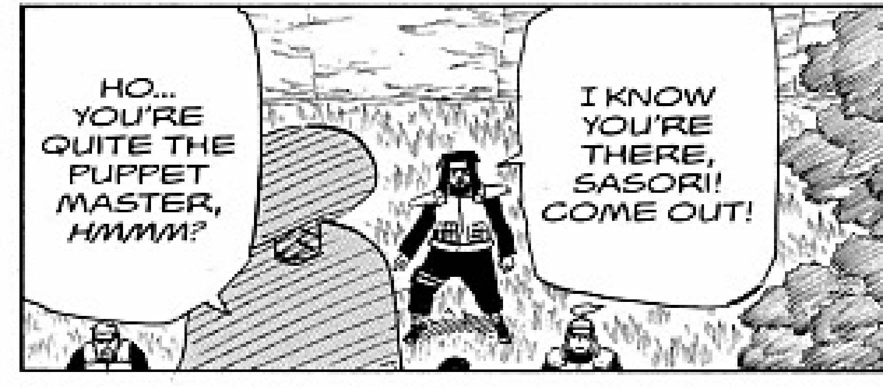


TAK
TAK
...AND NO TIME TO CONTEMPLATE THAT, EITHER, EH!!
KLIK
KLANG
TAK
KLANG
FOR THE TIME BEING! CLOUD STYLE!! CRESCENT MOON SLICE!!!
SCREECH SCREECH
?!!

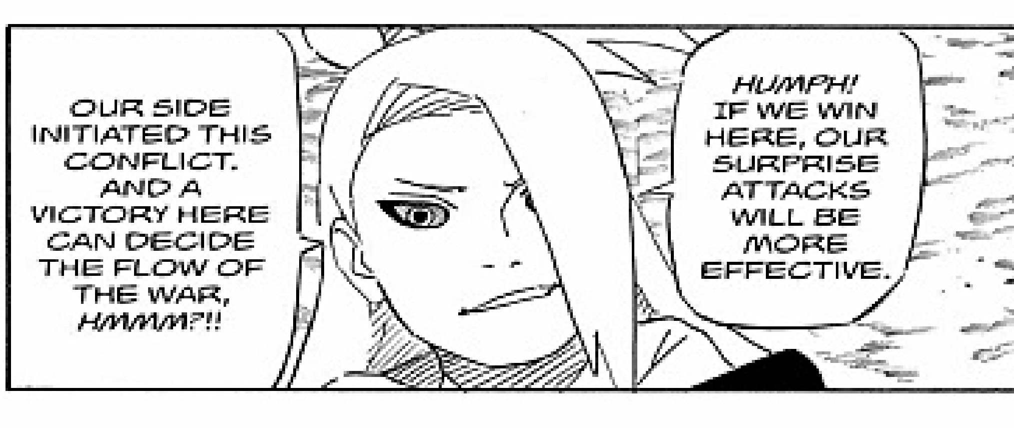

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VOOSH
NICE, SAI!
SCREECH
...YOU...
FLAP

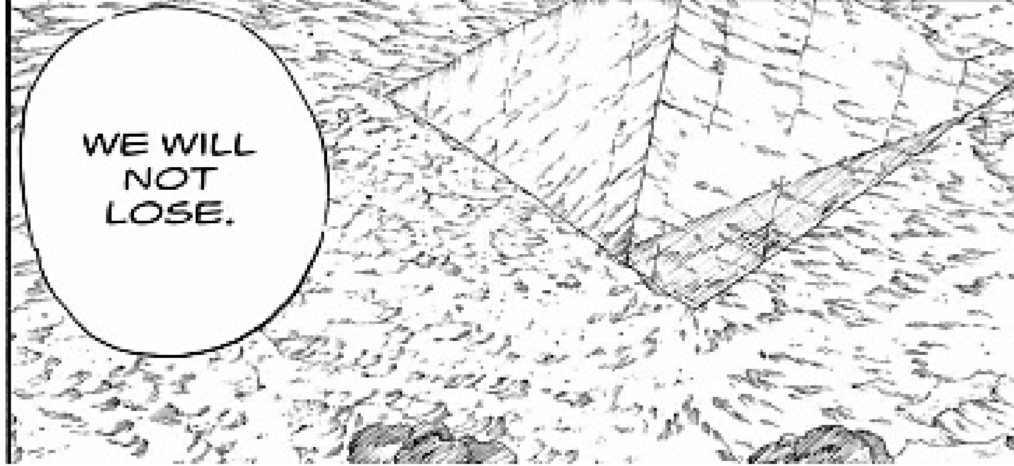

TOKUMA!! LANKA!!
MORE COMRADES?! ARE THEY BEING MANIPULATED?!
!!
ANOTHER?!
ABOVE!!
!!

UNH...
STILL ALIVE. NOW WHAT WILL YOU DO, *HMMM?*
YOU PLAY DIRTY!
UNFORGIVABLE!!























NO MERCY...

...FOR THOSE WHO HURT MY COMRADES!!

FSH



Number 518: Battle of the Commando Units!!

THIS IS WAR!!

NO ROOM FOR NICETIES, *HMMM?!*

TAK

HOHETO, TANGO, KEEP IT UP!

ITTAN, YOU'RE NEXT!

TAK

TAK

DEIDARA... YOU...!

BROTHER!! SNAP OUT OF IT!



BACK SLICE!!
SNP SNP SNP SNP SNP SNP SNP SNP SNP SNP
?!!

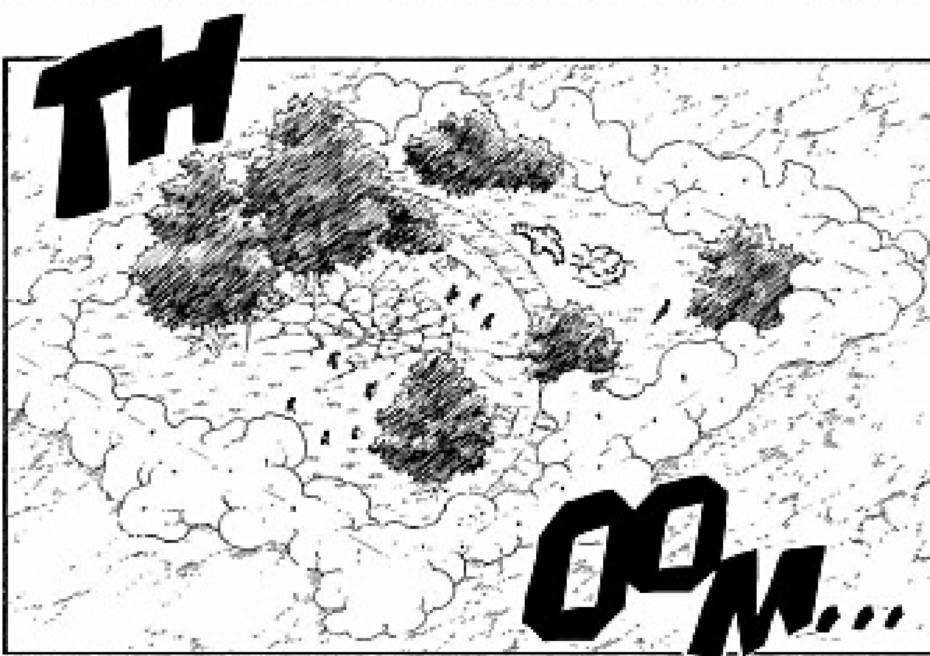






SQK
SQK
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YONK
YAH!!
?!
!!
WHUMP
RUMBLE
UGH!
SPLAM
TAK
ITTAN, RAISE US UP!!
OK!!
EARTH STYLE! MOBILE CORE!!
SHF

SLAM
ARGH!!!


THOOM...


TMP


YOU ATTACHED YOUR STRINGS TO MINE AND REELED ME IN...
YOUR STRING-HANDLING SKILLS HAVE IMPROVED SOME... KANKURO.
FSH...
YOU...


WHILE IT DOES TICKLE ME TO BE PRAISED BY YOU, A RED SECRET TECHNIQUE PERFORMER...
I, OF THE BLACK SECRET TECHNIQUE, AM THE BETTER PLAYER NOW.
FSH

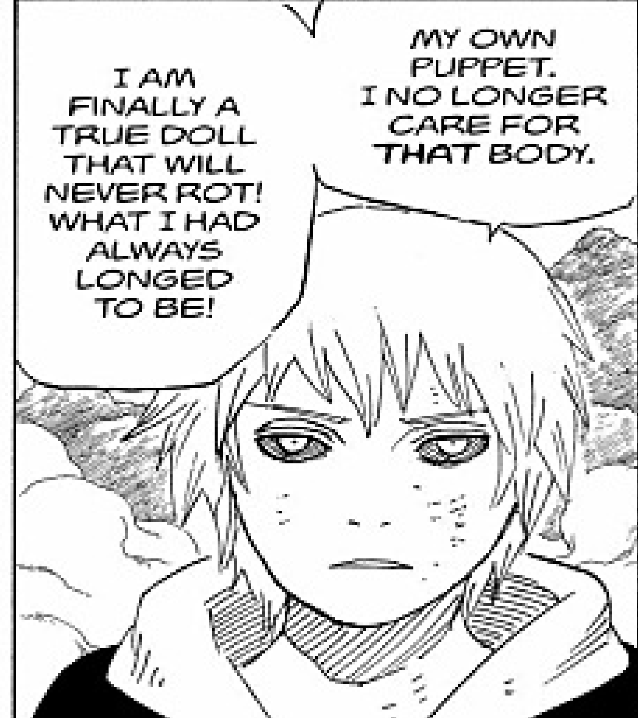

FLAP...
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(SASORI)

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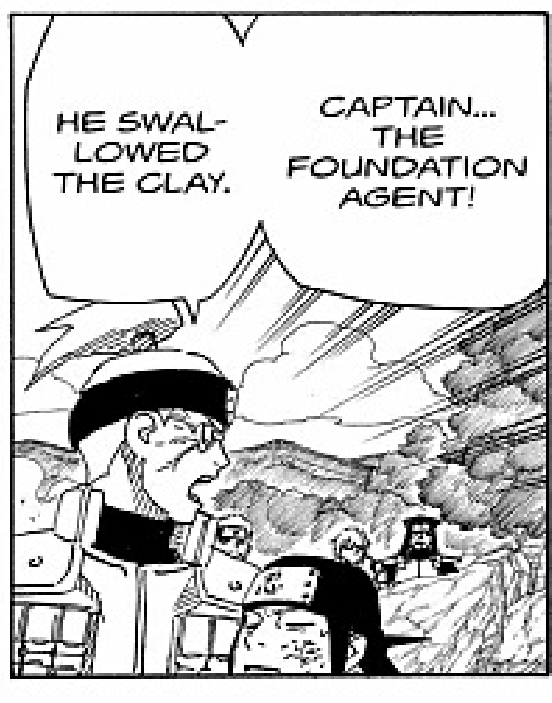

SQK
SQK
!!


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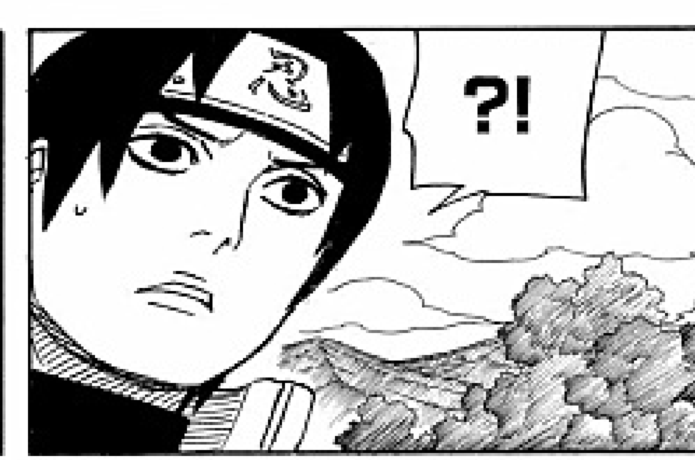

MY OWN PUPPET. I NO LONGER CARE FOR THAT BODY.
I AM FINALLY A TRUE DOLL THAT WILL NEVER ROT! WHAT I HAD ALWAYS LONGED TO BE!

TMP
FSH
FT
RUN... AWAY...












SHOOM...
TMP
TMP
SHUP
TAK
KLANG
BAP BAP BAP BAP



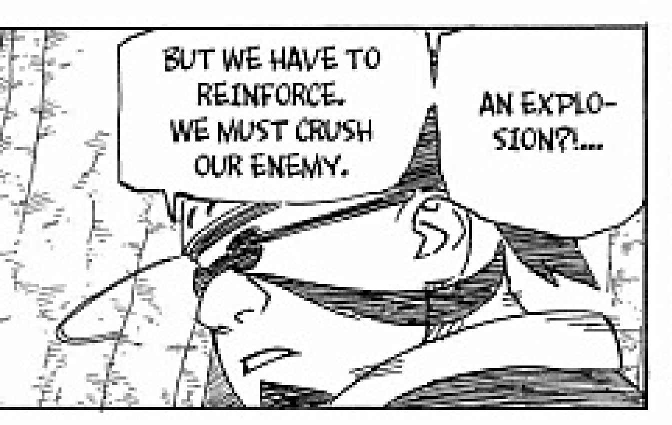
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SHOOM
...
TOO LATE!!
NOW!!
?!!
BLACK SECRET TECHNIQUE! SALAMANDER!!


READ
THIS
WAY

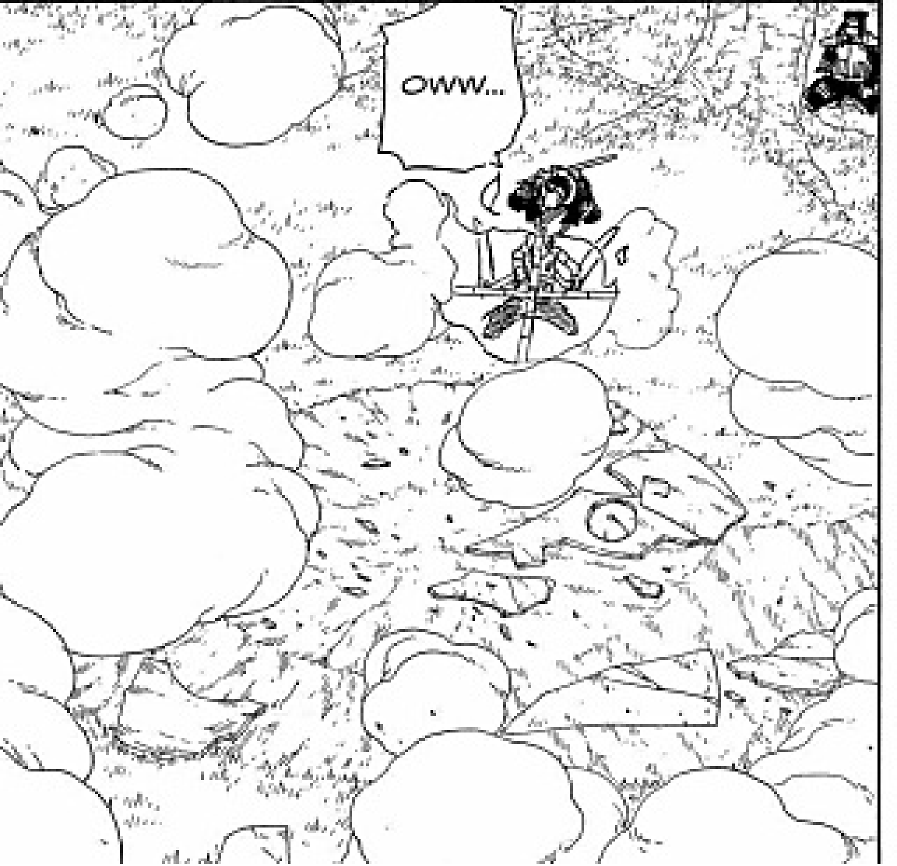

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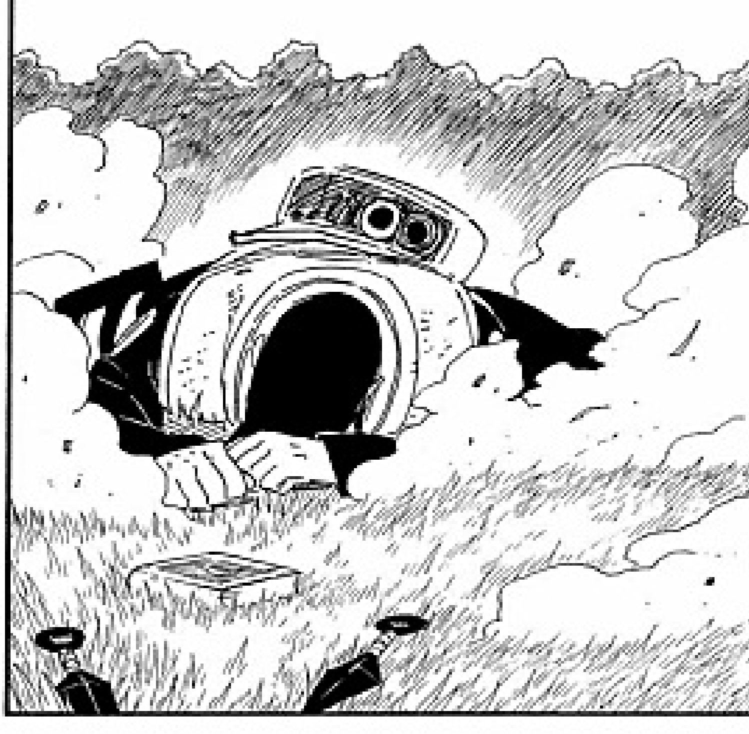

BROTHER
!!

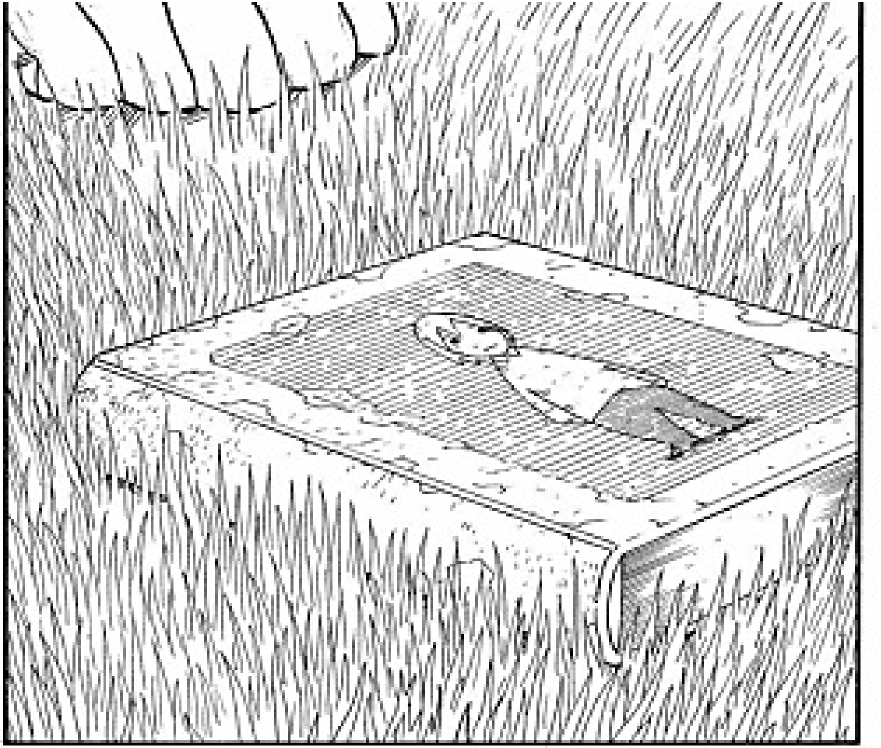

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THOOM..
TAK

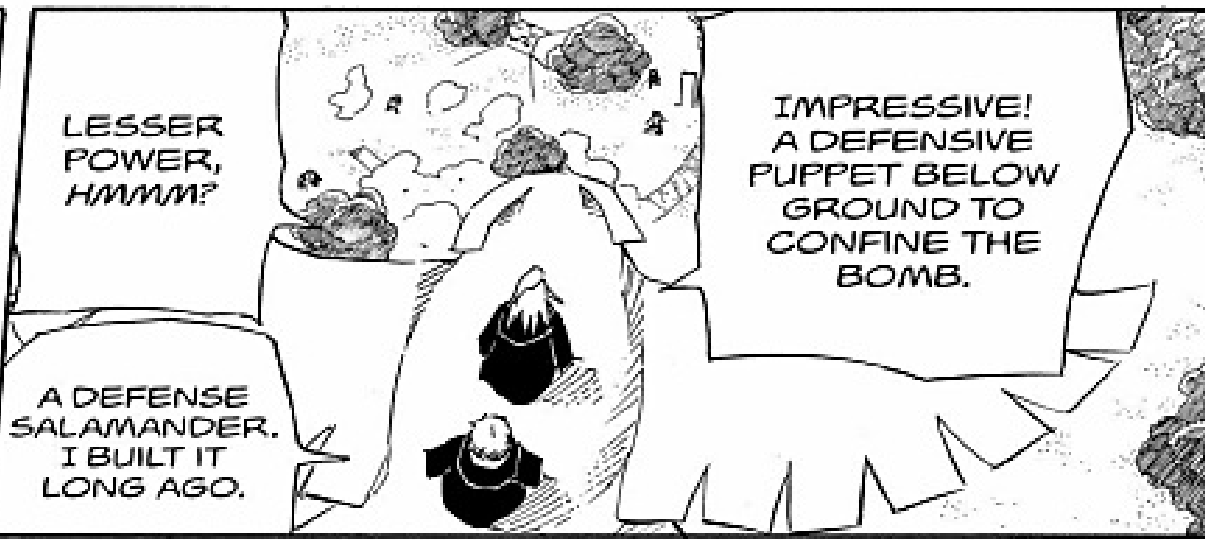

AN EXPLO-SION?!...
BUT WE HAVE TO REINFORCE. WE MUST CRUSH OUR ENEMY.


ZAJI! HOW GOES IT OUTSIDE?!
GOOD! I CAN STILL SENSE CHAKRAS... EVERYONE'S ALIVE!
RRUMBLE
...


OWW...



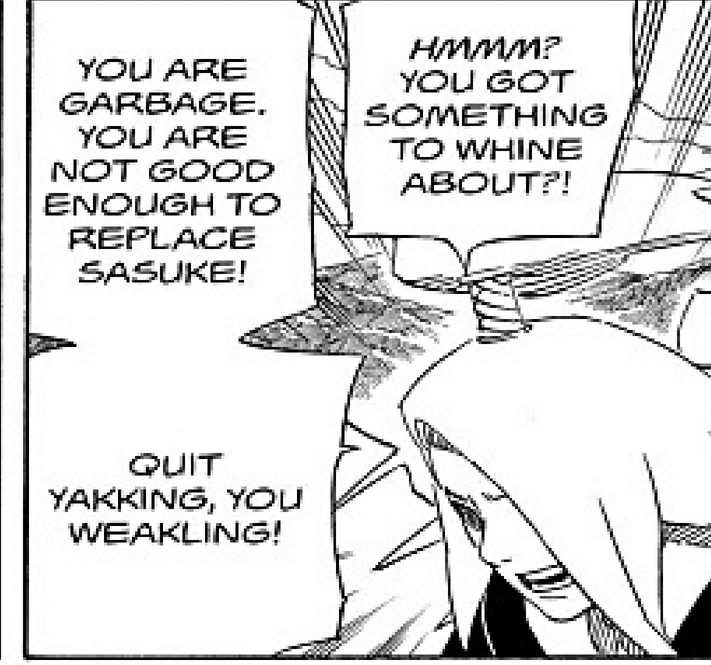




IMPRESSIVE! A DEFENSIVE PUPPET BELOW GROUND TO CONFINE THE BOMB.
LESSER POWER, *HMMM?*
A DEFENSE SALAMANDER. I BUILT IT LONG AGO.



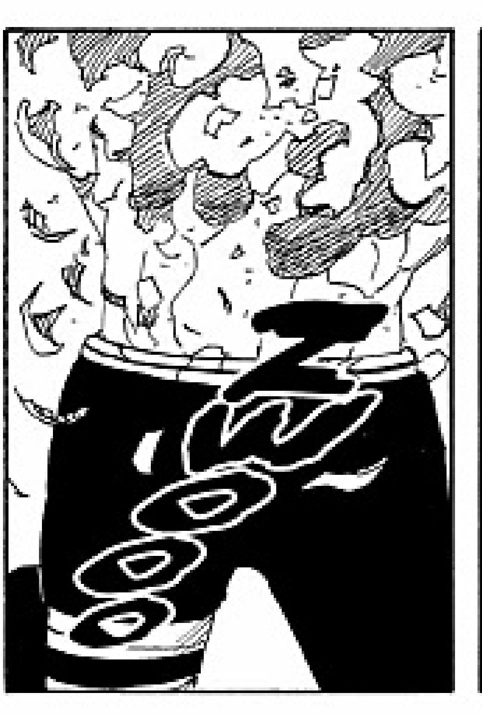
...
HE'S JUST A **BOMB** TO YOU?
SHUA...



HMMM? YOU GOT SOMETHING TO WHINE ABOUT?!
YOU ARE GARBAGE. YOU ARE NOT GOOD ENOUGH TO REPLACE SASUKE!
QUIT YAKKING, YOU WEAKLING!



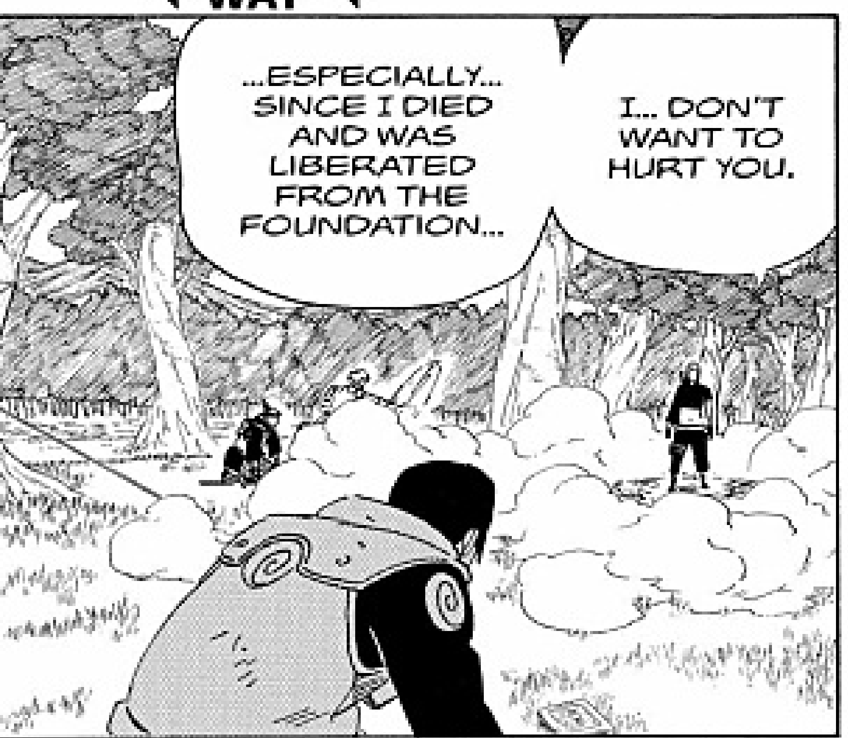
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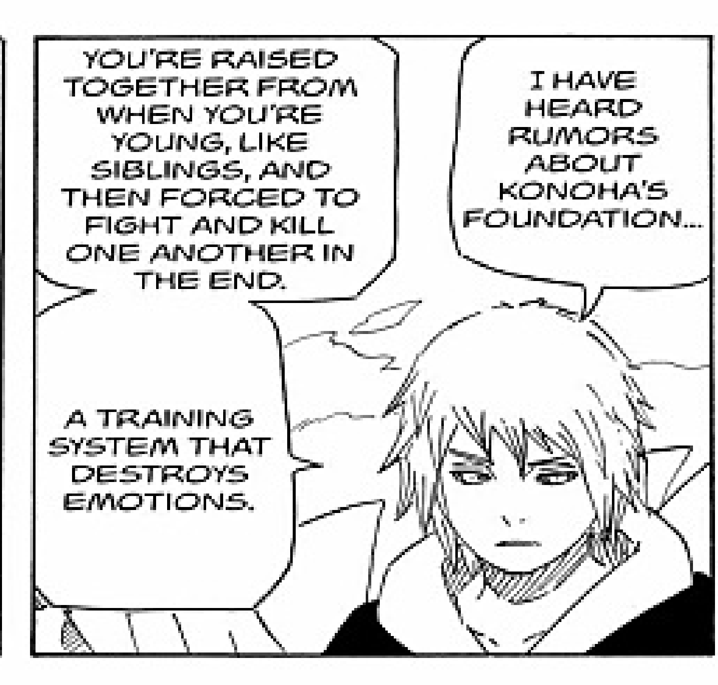


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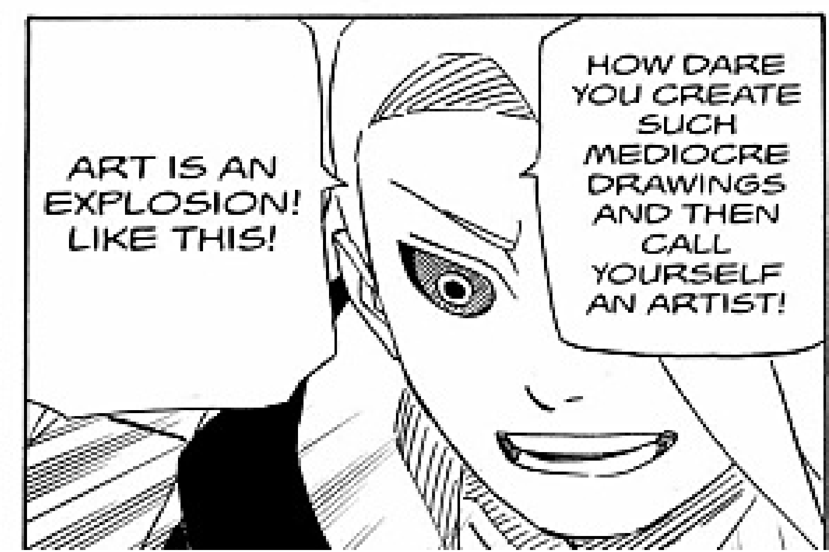

FOR AS LONG AS HIS SOUL IS BOUND TO THIS WORLD, HE'LL KEEP COMING BACK TO LIFE...
...SO I CAN MAKE HIM INTO A BOMB OVER AND OVER, HA HA HA!!
ZWOO


I... DON'T WANT TO HURT YOU.
...ESPECIALLY... SINCE I DIED AND WAS LIBERATED FROM THE FOUNDATION...

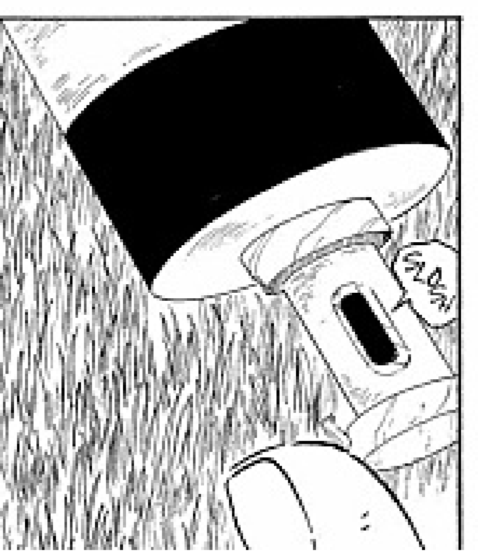

I HAVE HEARD RUMORS ABOUT KONOHA'S FOUNDATION...
YOU'RE RAISED TOGETHER FROM WHEN YOU'RE YOUNG, LIKE SIBLINGS, AND THEN FORCED TO FIGHT AND KILL ONE ANOTHER IN THE END.
A TRAINING SYSTEM THAT DESTROYS EMOTIONS.


IF YOU GET RID OF THE HEART, YOU ALSO ELIMINATE HESITATION AND DOUBT... RESULTING IN THE ULTIMATE SHINOBI.
YOU OF THE FOUNDA-TION ARE SIMILAR TO ME.

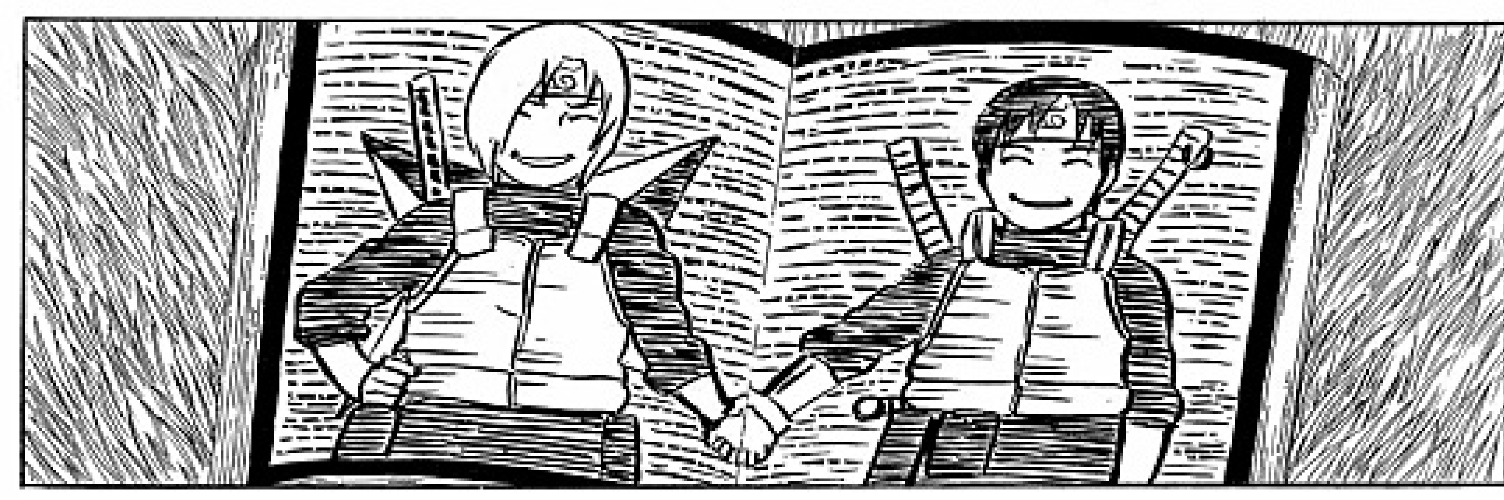

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HOW DARE YOU CREATE SUCH MEDIOCRE DRAWINGS AND THEN CALL YOURSELF AN ARTIST!
ART IS AN EXPLOSION! LIKE THIS!

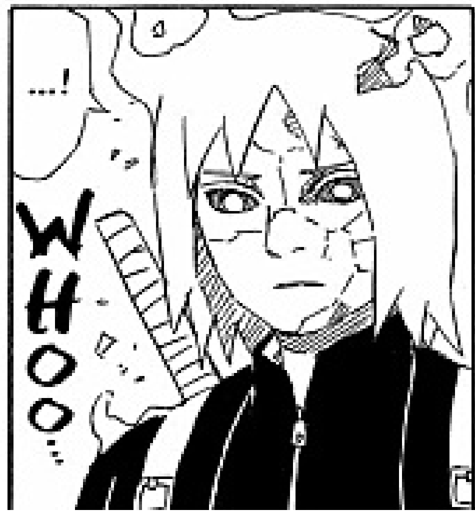

...
SSH




PLINK
JUST TRY IT.
WAP
WAP




THERE'S A DRAWING I WANT TO SHOW YOU, BROTHER...
BUT IT'S NOT FINISHED YET... SO NOT RIGHT NOW.

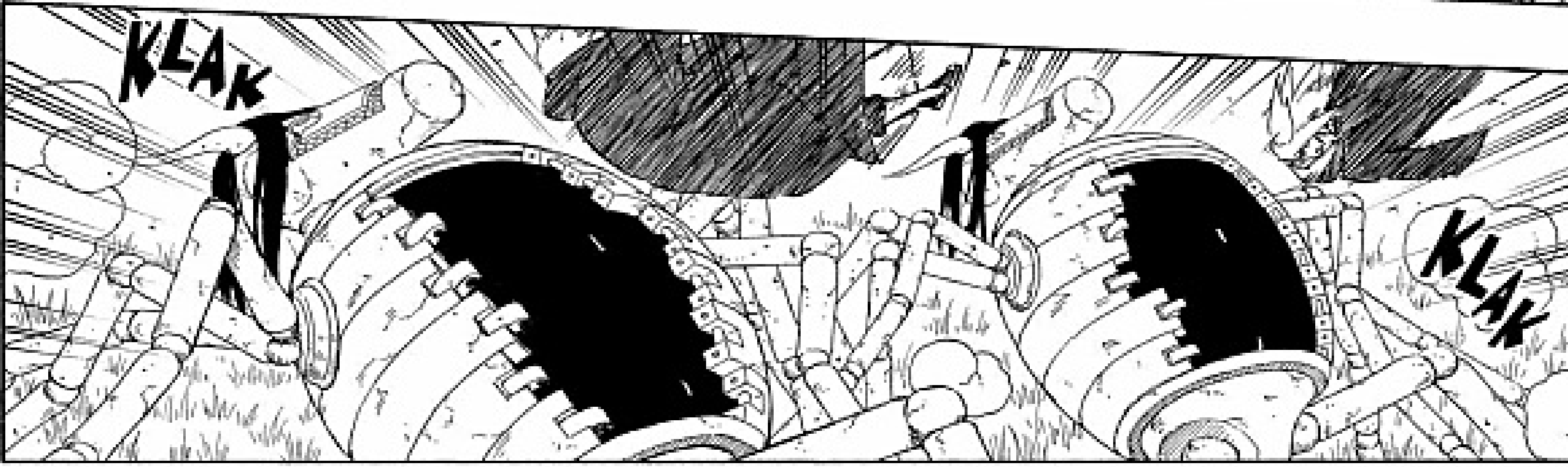

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WHOO...

SECRET BLACK TECH-NIQUE!

ZT

BAM

ARGH!













TRIPLE IRON MAIDEN!!



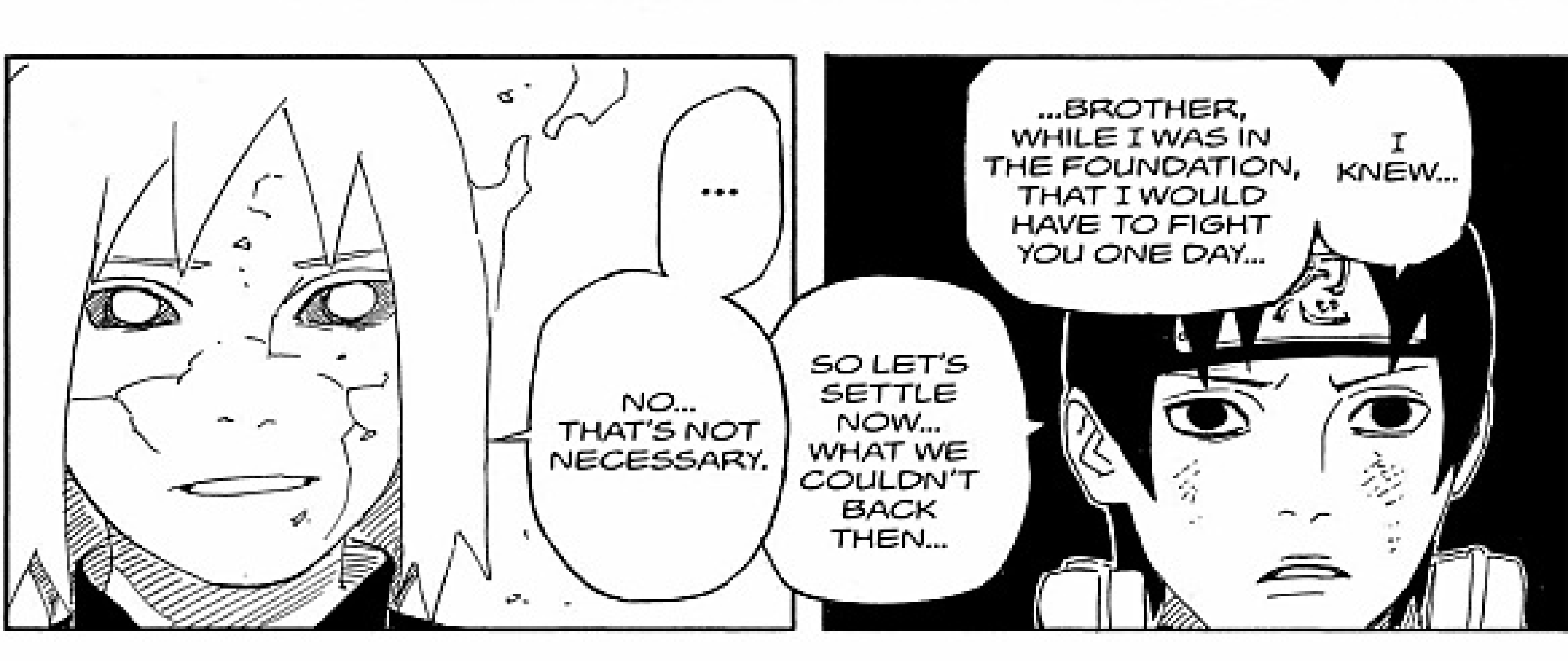




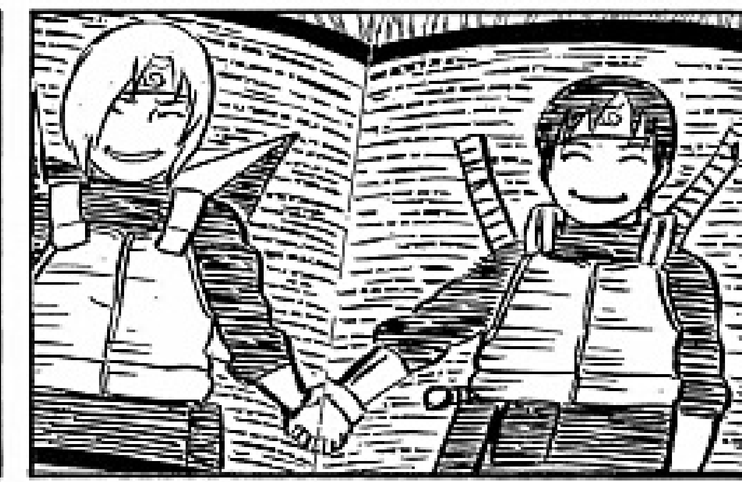

GOOD, OMOI!
MY PUPPET JUTSU HAS GOT THESE TWO!
HELP SAI'S BROTHER!!

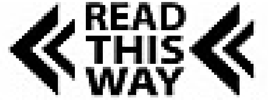

TMP


ROGER!!

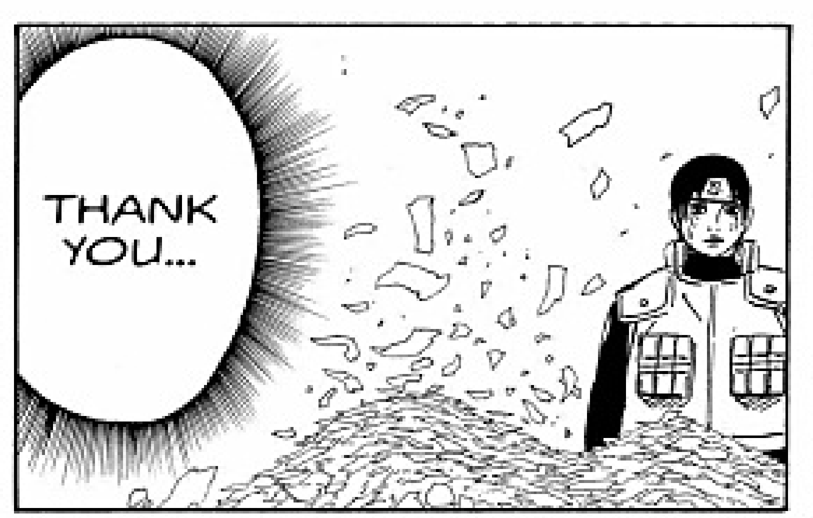

I KNEW...
...BROTHER, WHILE I WAS IN THE FOUNDATION, THAT I WOULD HAVE TO FIGHT YOU ONE DAY...
SO LET'S SETTLE NOW... WHAT WE COULDN'T BACK THEN...
...
NO... THAT'S NOT NECESSARY.


I FINALLY GOT TO SEE THAT DRAWING YOU WANTED TO SHOW ME...
YOUR DRAWING HAS UNDONE THE BINDINGS ON MY SOUL...
BLOP...
BLOP...



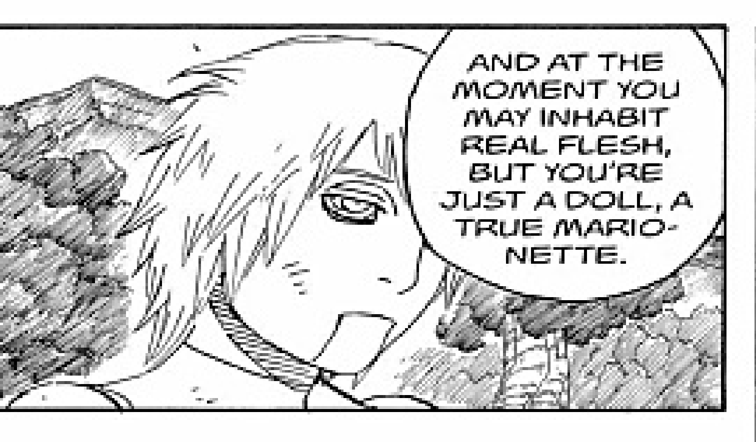








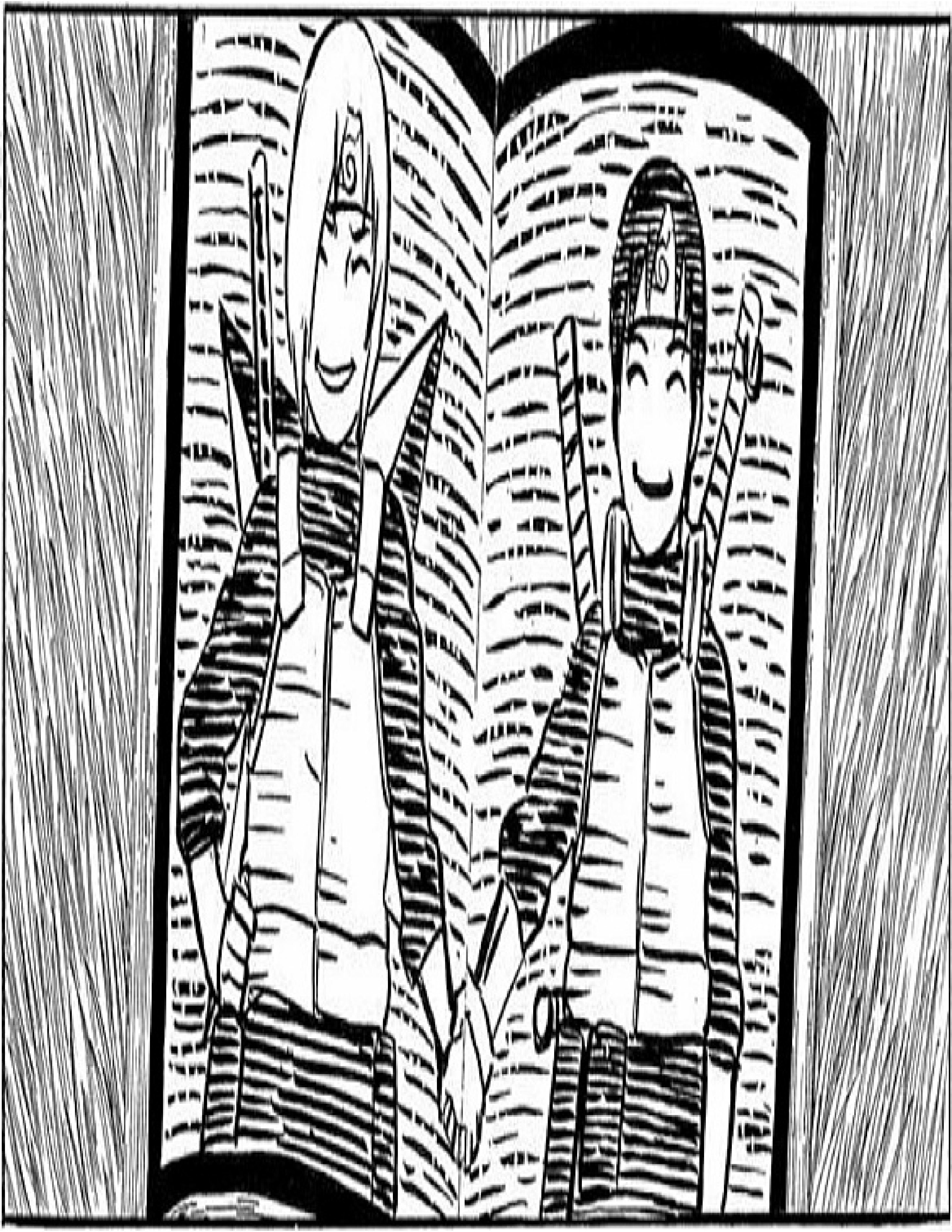






YOU WERE A FIRST-RATE SHINOBI PUPPET MASTER.

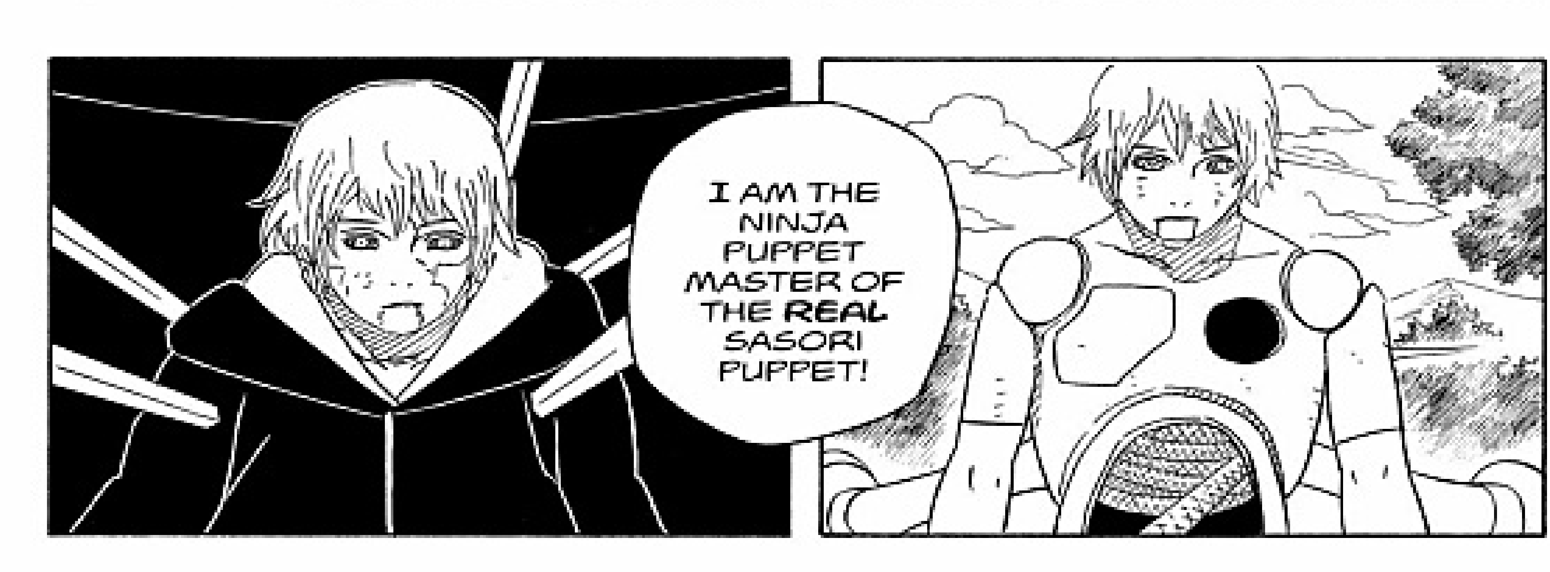
YOU WOULD NEVER HAVE ALLOWED YOURSELF TO BE MANIPULATED BY OTHERS.

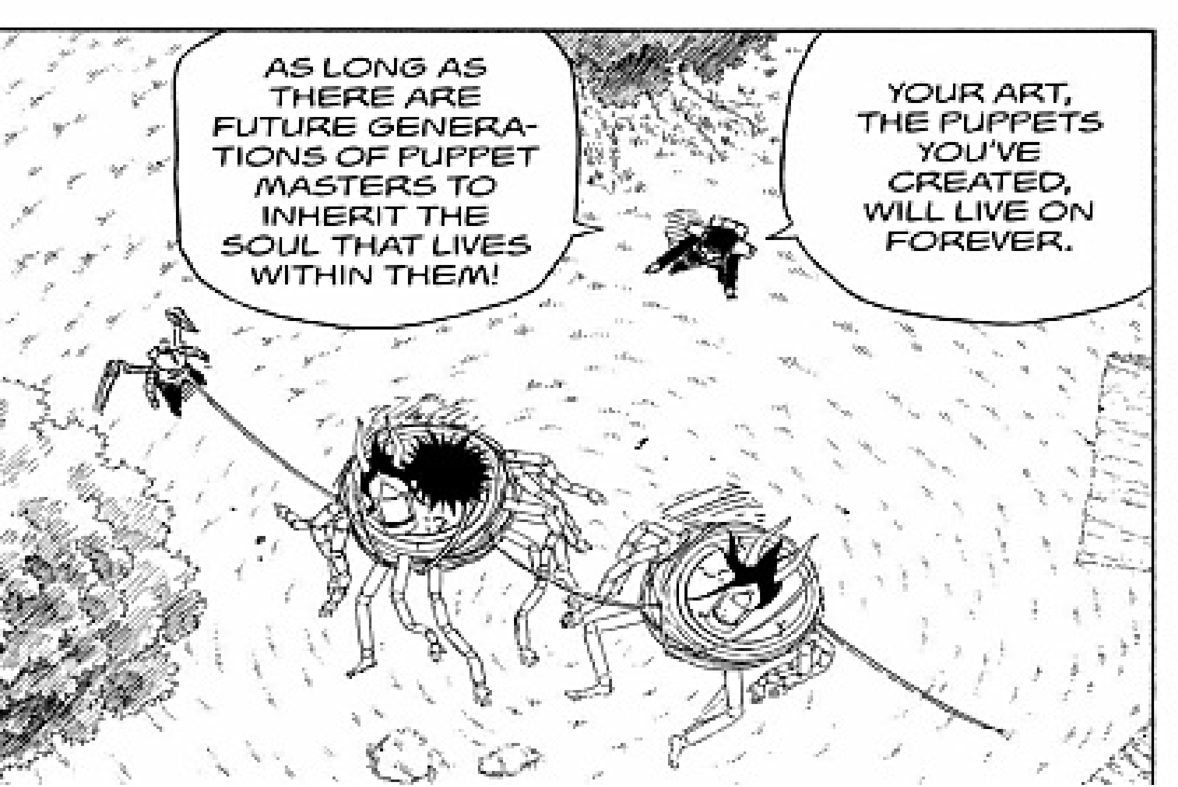


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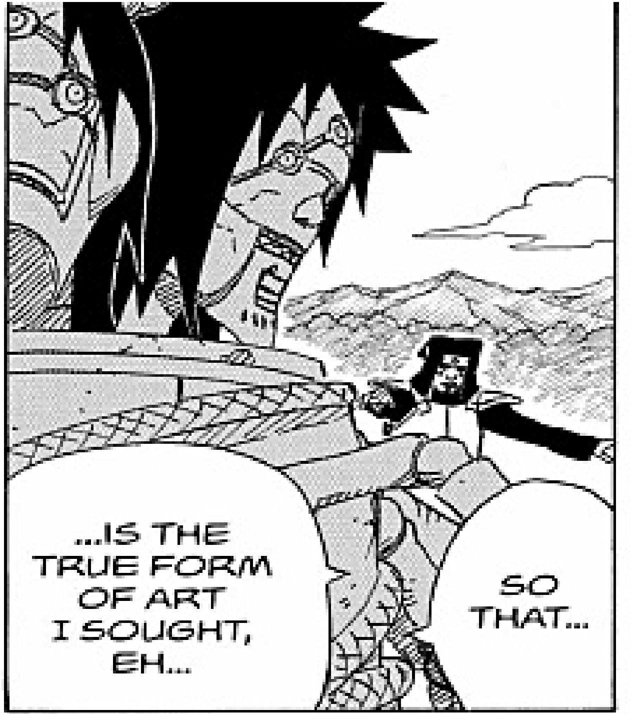


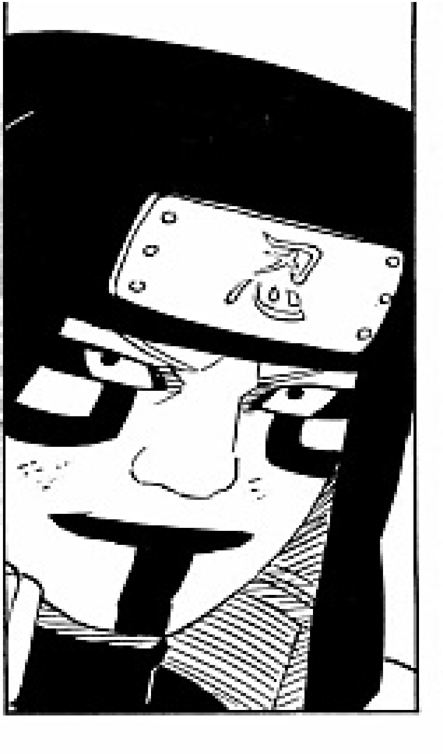


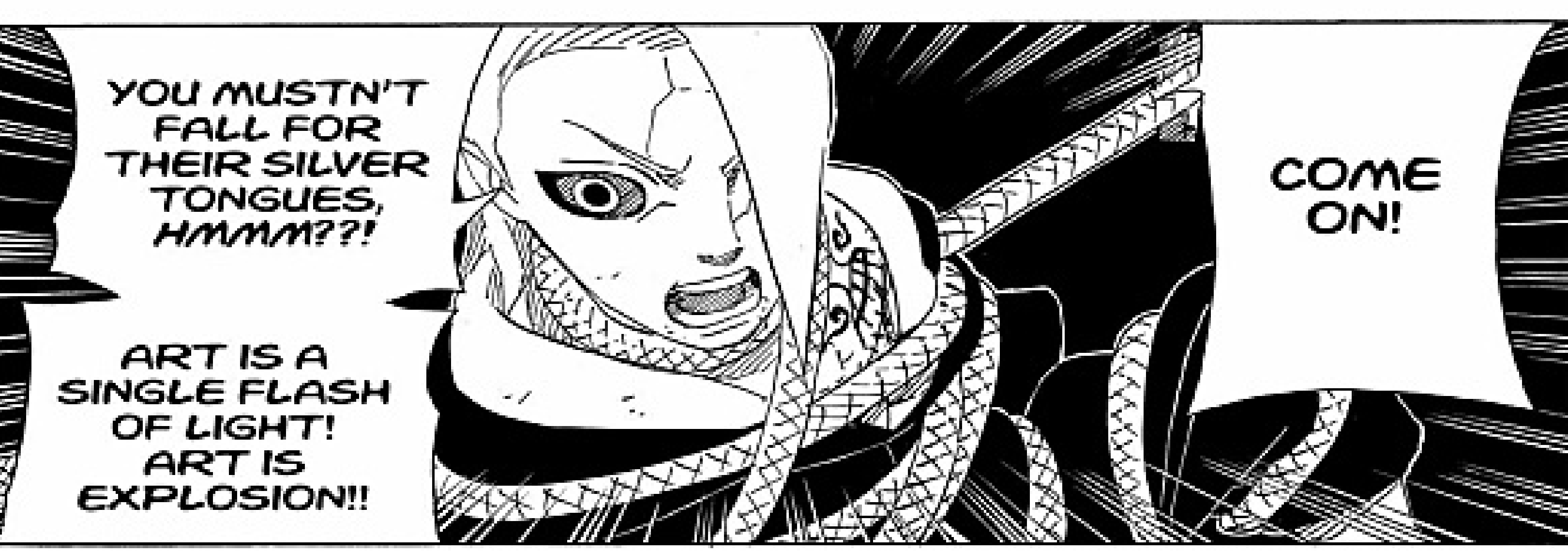





HEH!


SO THAT...
...IS THE TRUE FORM OF ART I SOUGHT, EH...

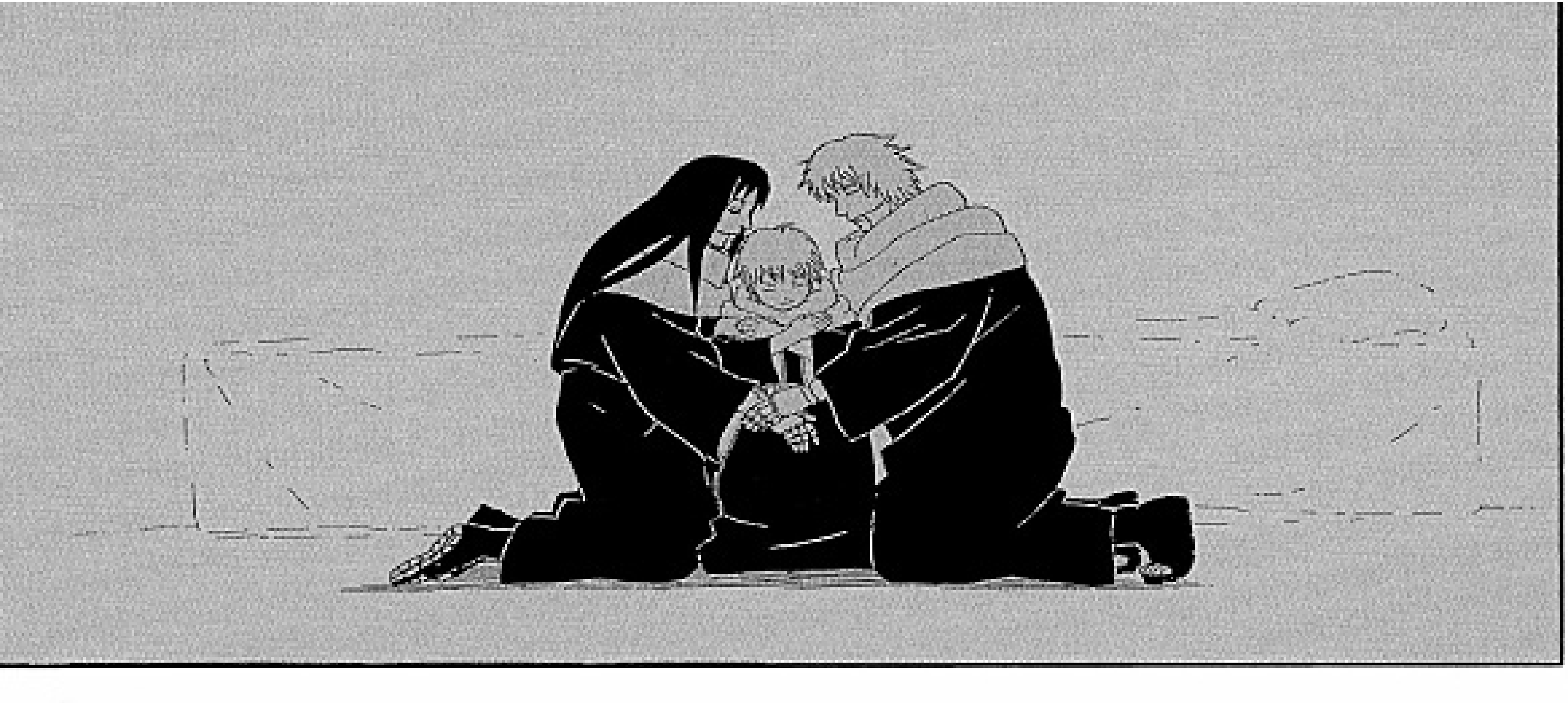


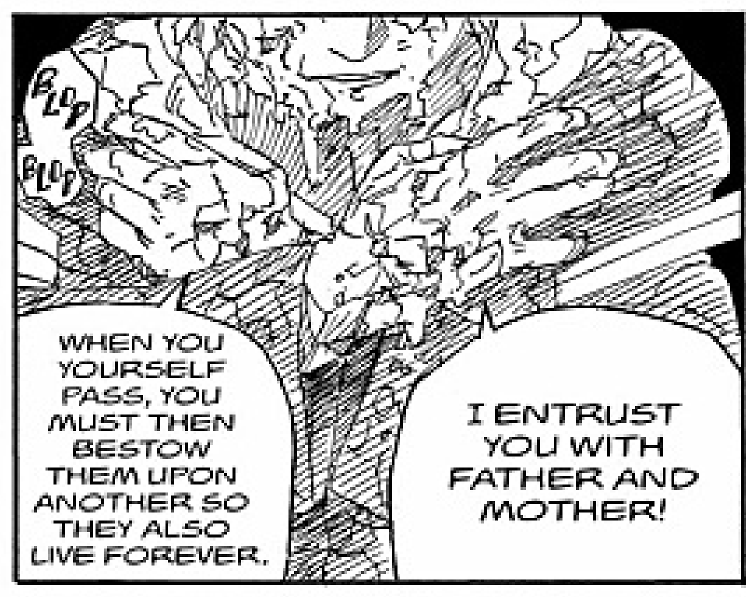

COME ON!
YOU MUSTN'T FALL FOR THEIR SILVER TONGUES, HMMM??!
ART IS A SINGLE FLASH OF LIGHT! ART IS EXPLOSION!!

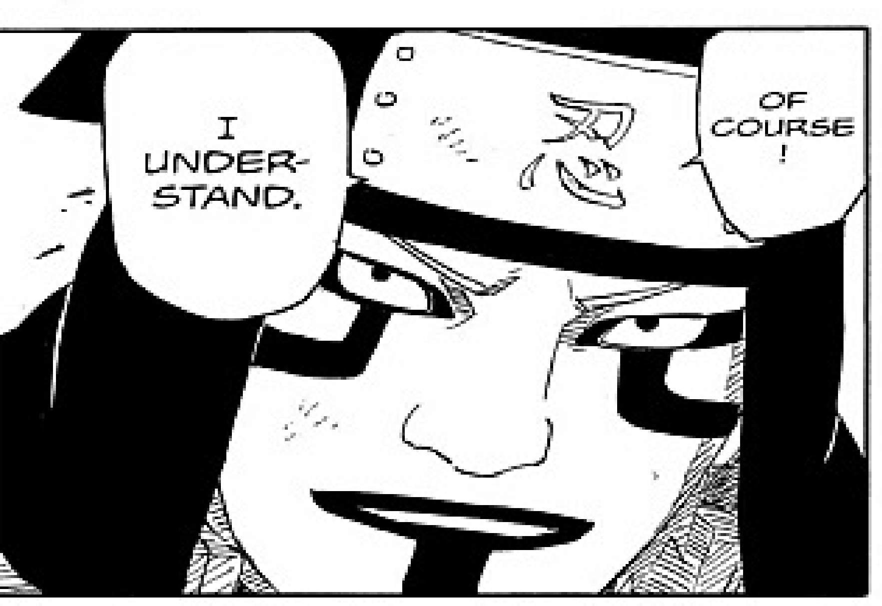

THE SOUL OF THE CREATOR DWELLS WITHIN, HUH?
BLOP
BLOP


YOU'RE RIGHT...
BLOP BLOP BLOP..!!
KANKURO ...


...
YES?




I ENTRUST YOU WITH FATHER AND MOTHER!
WHEN YOU YOURSELF PASS, YOU MUST THEN BESTOW THEM UPON ANOTHER SO THEY ALSO LIVE FOREVER.
BLOP
BLOP


OF COURSE!
I UNDER-STAND.


?!!
HEY! SASORI, MY GOOD MAN!!


SWOOO


KLOMP

THIS IS A SACRIFICIAL VICTIM.
WHAT'S GOING ON? I THOUGHT THE EDOTENSEI WAS A JUTSU OF IMMORTALITY.
MAYBE KABUTO UNDID THE JUTSU?

LEMME OUTTA HERE, RUFFIANS, *HMMM?!!*
SASORI'S GONE! HARD TO BELIEVE...
...SINCE THIS LOUD ONE IS STILL HERE.

THE SUPPOSEDLY PERFECT EDOTENSEI HAS A FLAW.
IT'S NOT SO EASY TO CONTROL EMOTION.



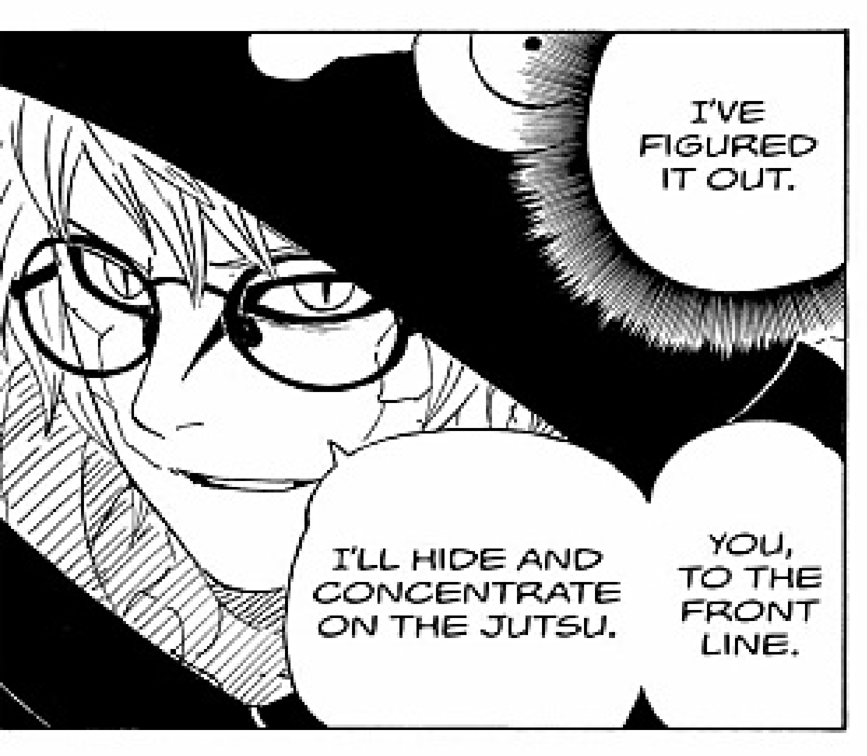


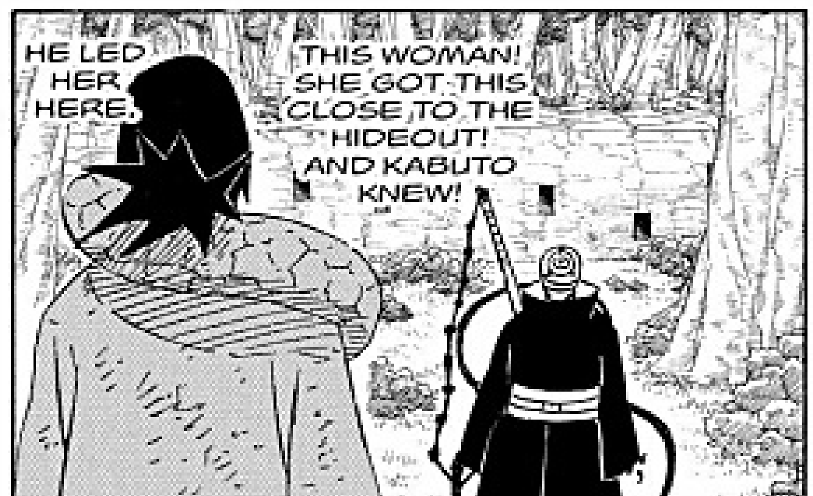

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YES, SIR!!
YES!
ROGER!

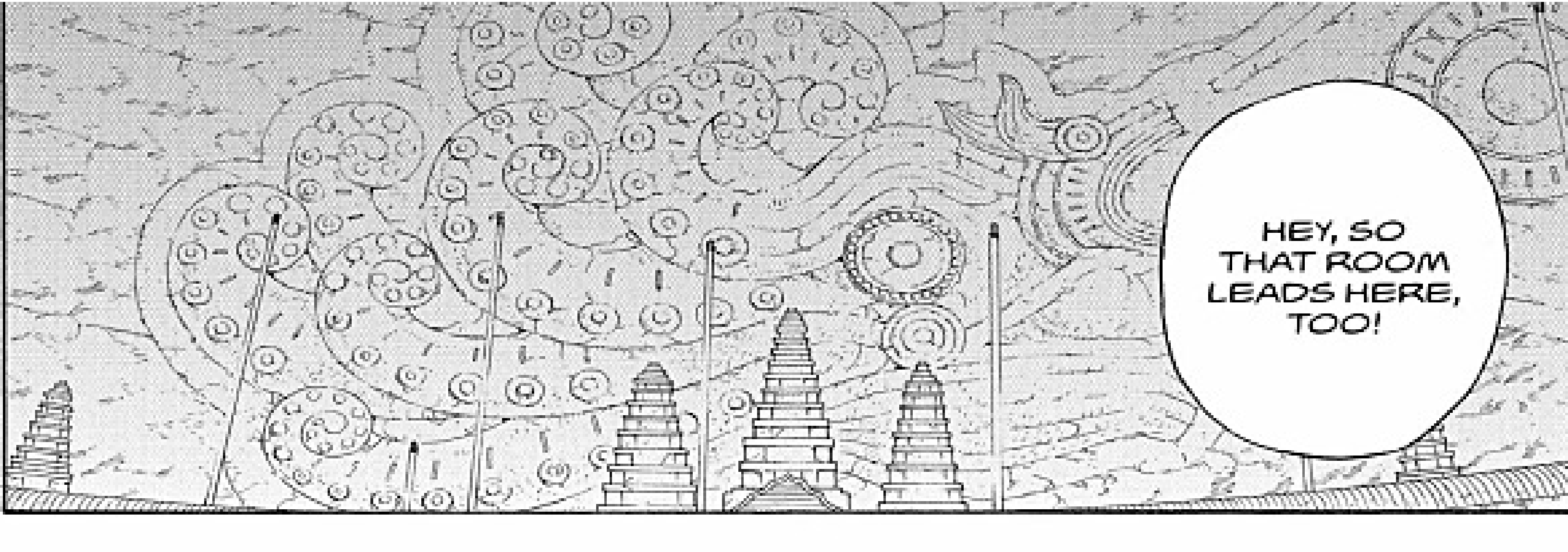



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WHAT IS IT?

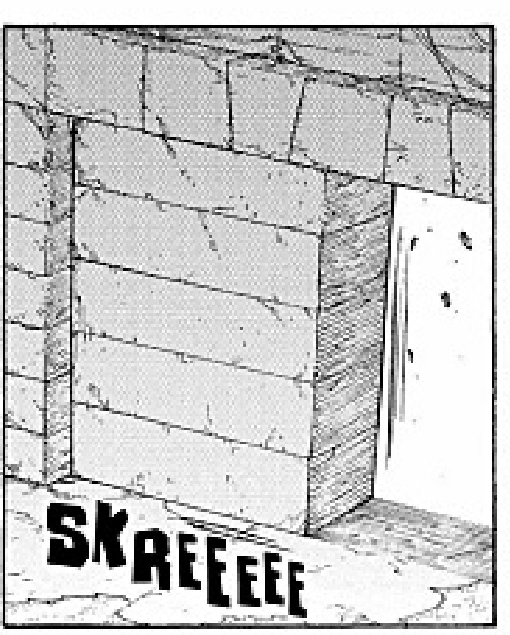

I'VE FIGURED IT OUT.
YOU, TO THE FRONT LINE.
I'LL HIDE AND CONCENTRATE ON THE JUTSU.


THIS WOMAN! SHE GOT THIS CLOSE TO THE HIDEOUT! AND KABUTO KNEW!
HE LED HER HERE.


THAT SNAKE! HE'S PITTING ME AGAINST THE ALLIED FORCES! BUT I'M THE ONE WHO'LL USE HIM.


HEY, SO THAT ROOM LEADS HERE, TOO!


AND NOW AN EIGHT TAILS STATUE, HUH? STUPID!
WHERE'S THAT SWITCH?
TO YET ANOTHER ROOM, LEADS THIS DOOR *HERE* ♪
THE LAST STAGE OF BIJU TRAINING AWAITS! SO QUIT GRUMBLING, *HEAR?* ♪


SKREEEEE


NOW IT'S TIME TO LEARN THE ULTIMATE JINCHŪRIKI JUTSU, HEAR WHAT I *SAY?* ♪ IF YOU'RE READY, GIVE ME THE *OKAY!*


OKAY!!
I HAVE TO LEARN HOW TO CONTROL THIS POWER!
SO? WHAT DO I DO?


ENTER BIJU MODE. UNDERGO BIJU TRANSFORMATION!
THAT'S YOUR FIRST STEP TO *LEARN, YUP* ♪
ZWOOO!!

I DON'T WANT TO DO BIJU TRANSFORMATION...

IT'S NOT RISKY?

YOU ONLY EXTRACTED BIJU CHAKRA *PURE*, SO YOU WON'T RAMPAGE, I'M *SURE* ♪

YOU SHOULD BE FINE, *FOOL*, ♪ YA *FOOL* ♪

ALL RIGHT.

THOOM!!

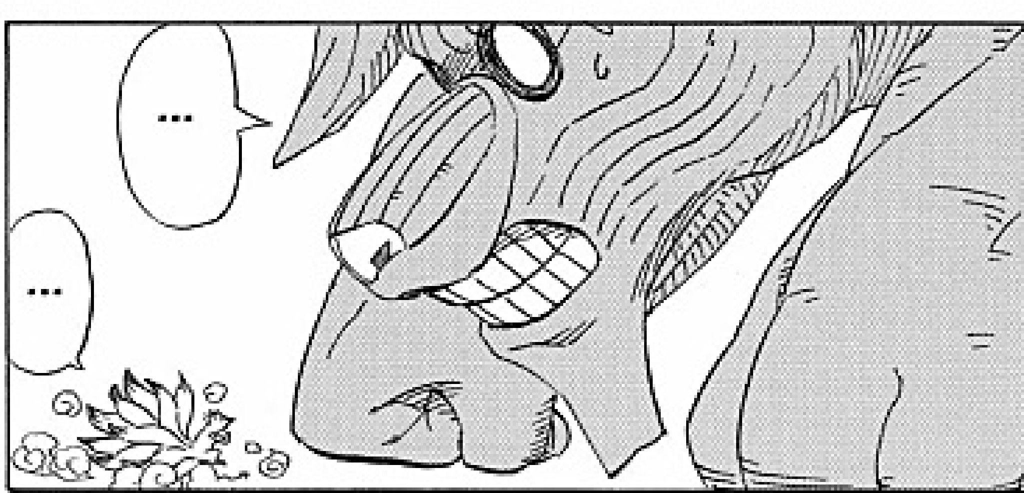
NOW IT'S YOUR *TURN* ♪ STEP ON IT AND HURRY *UP* ♪








POOF

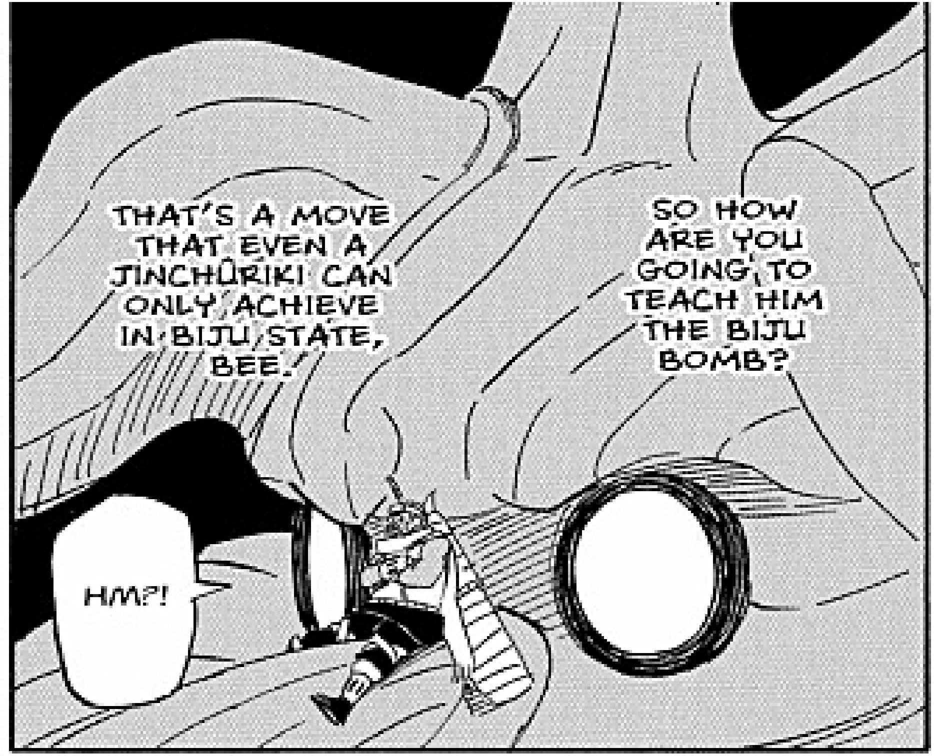

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BOOF
PFFFT...
HUF
HUF


THAT WAS **NOT** FUN.

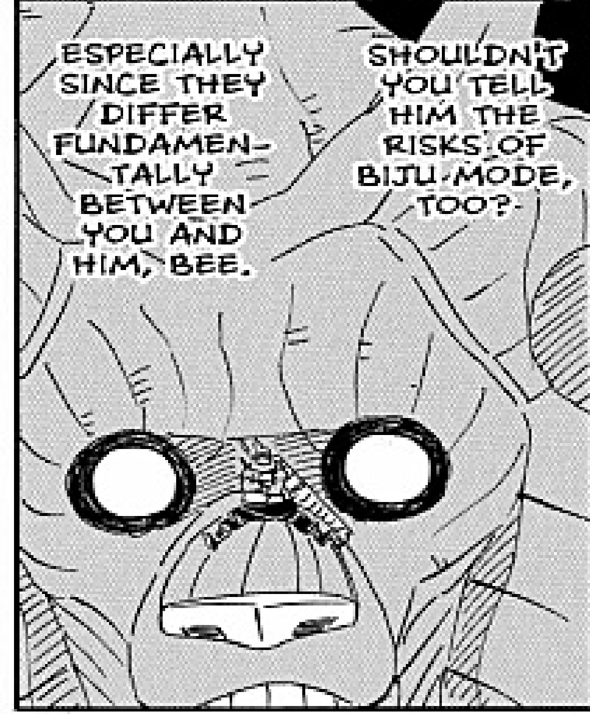

...NO GO...? TOO BAD.
WELL, IT'S NOT LIKE YOU BECAME CHUMMY WITH NINE TAILS, SO... I GUESS BIJU TRANSFORMATION IS AN UTTER FAILURE...

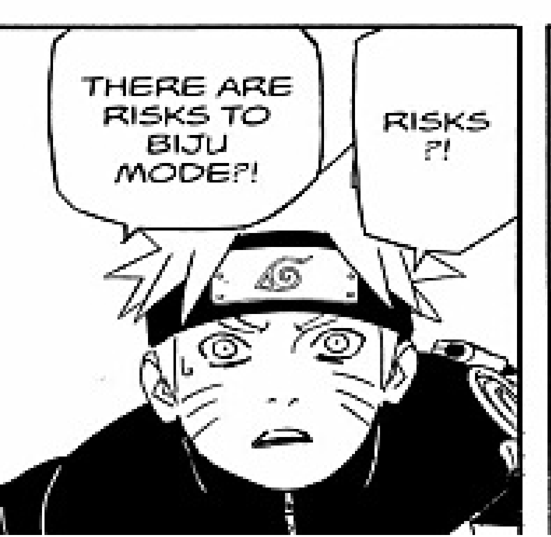

I USED ALL THAT NINE TAILS CHAKRA AND I STILL COULDN'T DO IT.
HUF
UGH. I NEED TO SLEEP.
WAP
HUF

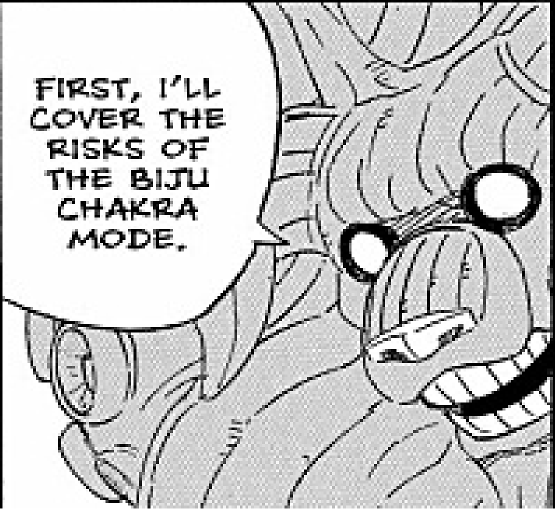

THAT'S A MOVE THAT EVEN A JINCHŪRIKI CAN ONLY ACHIEVE IN BIJU STATE, BEE.
SO HOW ARE YOU GOING TO TEACH HIM THE BIJU BOMB?
HM?!

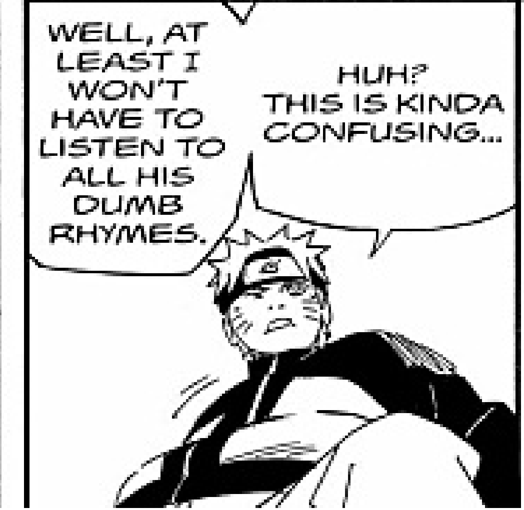

HEY, NARUTO! THIS IS EIGHT TAILS SPEAKING, NOT BEE.
LISTEN CLOSELY TO WHAT I'M ABOUT TO TELL YOU!


FINE, I'LL EXPLAIN. LET ME OUT.
SAVES ME FROM VERBAL *FUMBLE* ♪
I HAND OVER THE BATON FOR THE MUMBLE-*JUMBLE*!


SHOULDN'T YOU TELL HIM THE RISKS OF BIJU MODE, TOO?
ESPECIALLY SINCE THEY DIFFER FUNDAMENTALLY BETWEEN YOU AND HIM, BEE.

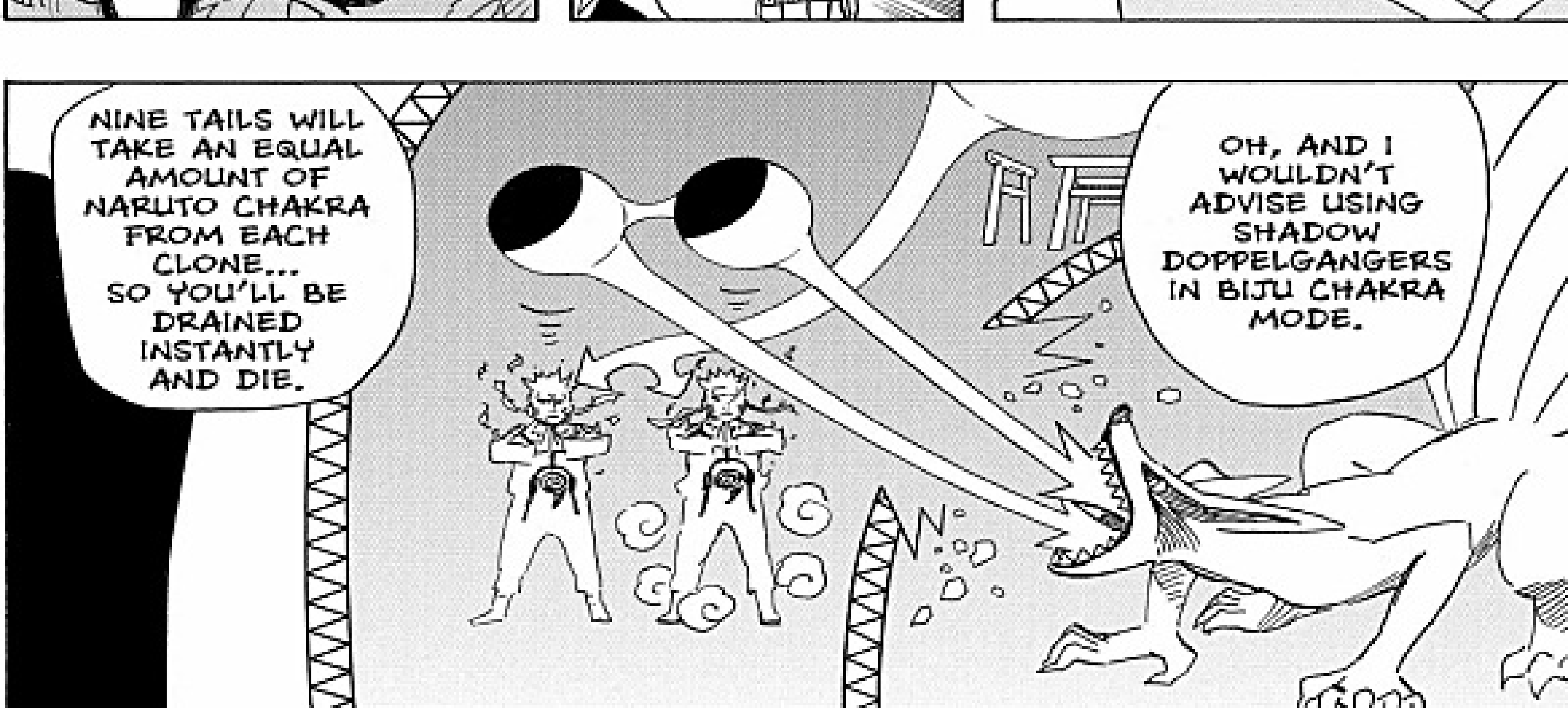

THERE ARE RISKS TO BIJU MODE?!
RISKS ?!

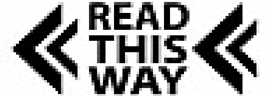

FIRST, I'LL COVER THE RISKS OF THE BIJU CHAKRA MODE.

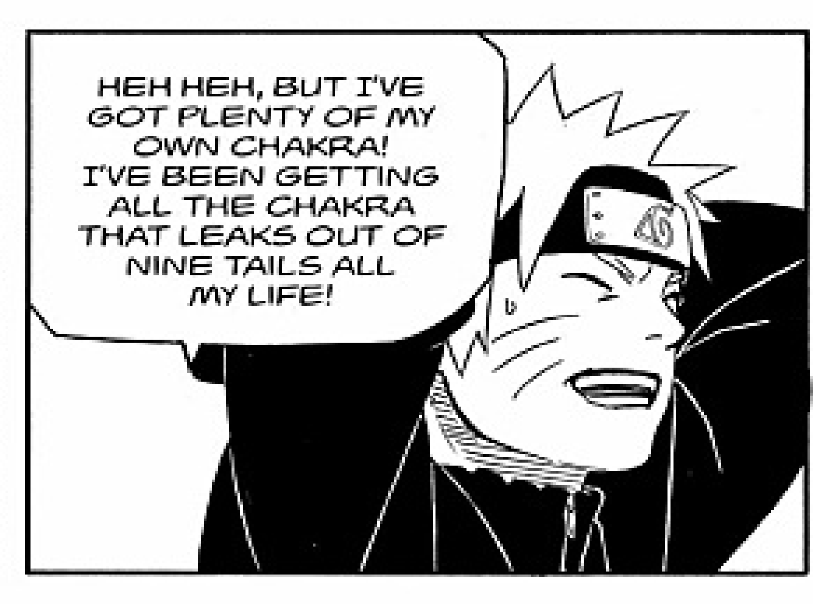

HUH? THIS IS KINDA CONFUSING...
WELL, AT LEAST I WON'T HAVE TO LISTEN TO ALL HIS DUMB RHYMES.

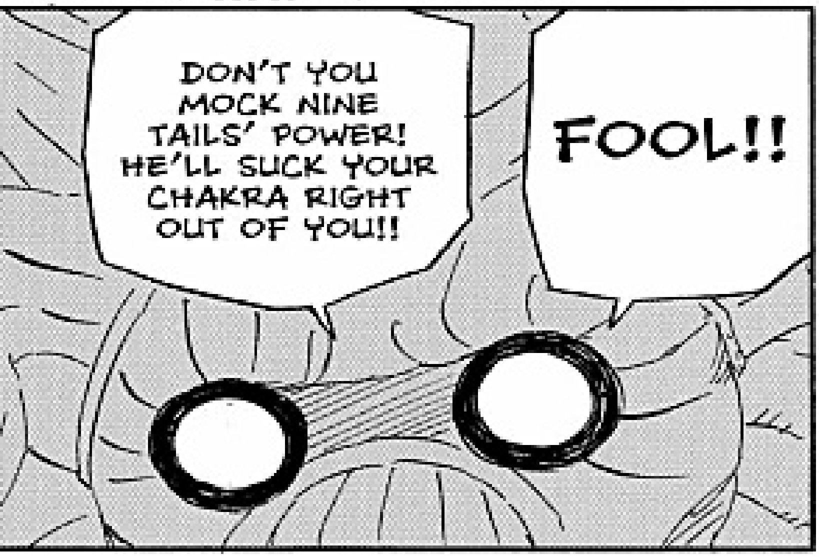
OF COURSE!
WHILE YOU'RE USING BIJU CHAKRA MODE...
NINE TAILS IS SIPHONING AWAY **YOUR** CHAKRA!
BECAUSE YOU'RE TEMPORARILY SHELVING NARUTO CHAKRA IN ORDER TO USE NINE TAILS CHAKRA.
NARUTO SIDE
NINE TAILS SIDE
NINE TAILS' CHAKRA
NARUTO'S CHAKRA

AND, OBVIOUSLY, IF HE DRAINS NARUTO CHAKRA TO ZERO... YOU'RE OFF TO THE AFTERLIFE.
ZERO
WHAT?!!
HOW COME OCTOPOPS IS ALWAYS OKAY?!
NARUTO, YOU'VE MERELY TAKEN NINE TAILS' CHAKRA FROM HIM, NOT TRULY TAMED HIM.
BEE AND I USED TO BE LIKE THAT TOO, LONG AGO, FIGHTING OVER EACH OTHER'S CHAKRA.

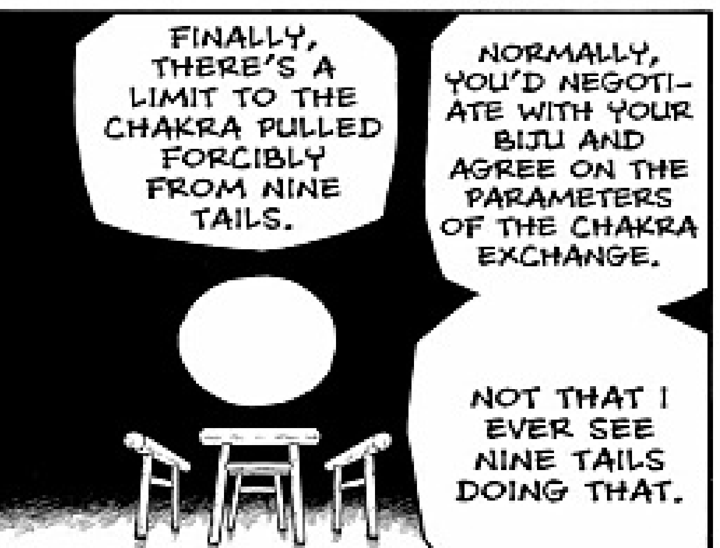


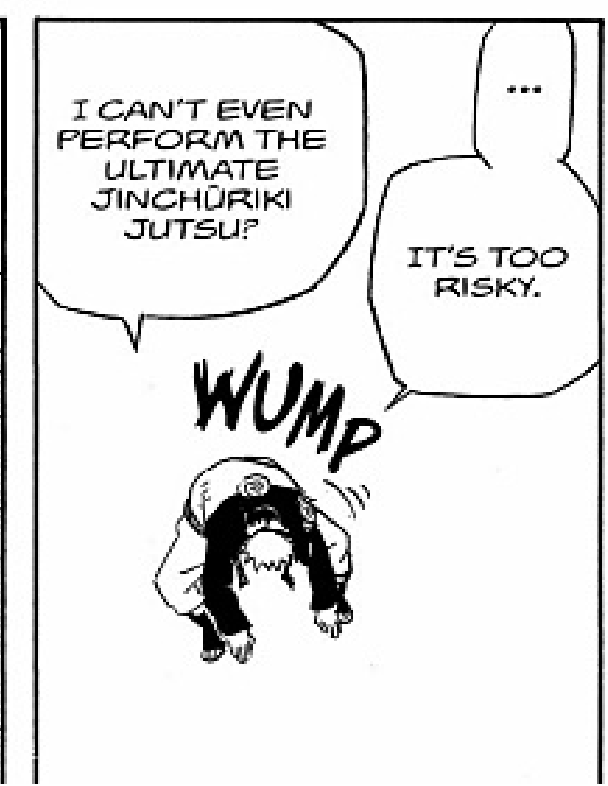

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HEH HEH, BUT I'VE GOT PLENTY OF MY OWN CHAKRA! I'VE BEEN GETTING ALL THE CHAKRA THAT LEAKS OUT OF NINE TAILS ALL MY LIFE!


FOOL!!
DON'T YOU MOCK NINE TAILS' POWER! HE'LL SUCK YOUR CHAKRA RIGHT OUT OF YOU!!


IT TAKES A FAIR AMOUNT OF TIME TO RESTORE ANY NARUTO CHAKRA THAT'S BEEN SIPHONED OFF!
BE REAL CAREFUL! IF YOU GET WOUND UP AND START USING NINE TAILS CHAKRA EXCLUSIVELY DURING A BATTLE...
YOU'LL BE DEAD BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!


NORMALLY, YOU'D NEGOTIATE WITH YOUR BIJU AND AGREE ON THE PARAMETERS OF THE CHAKRA EXCHANGE.
FINALLY, THERE'S A LIMIT TO THE CHAKRA PULLED FORCIBLY FROM NINE TAILS.
NOT THAT I EVER SEE NINE TAILS DOING THAT.


...
I CAN'T EVEN PERFORM THE ULTIMATE JINCHŪRIKI JUTSU?
IT'S TOO RISKY.
WUMP


YOU'D BEST GIVE UP ON THE BIJU BOMB.
FOCUS ON POLISHING YOUR OWN SPECIAL MOVE.

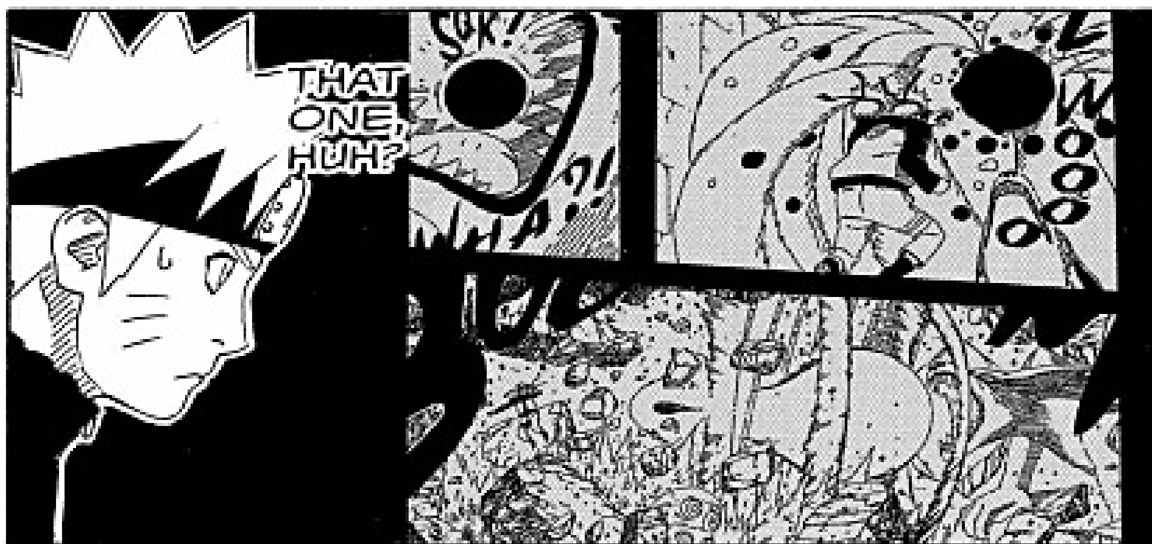

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BIJU BOMB?
WHAT JUTSU IS THAT?
FWUP!!

SIMPLE. YOU CHANGE YOUR CHAKRA'S FORM, POOL IT IN YOUR MOUTH, COMPRESS IT...

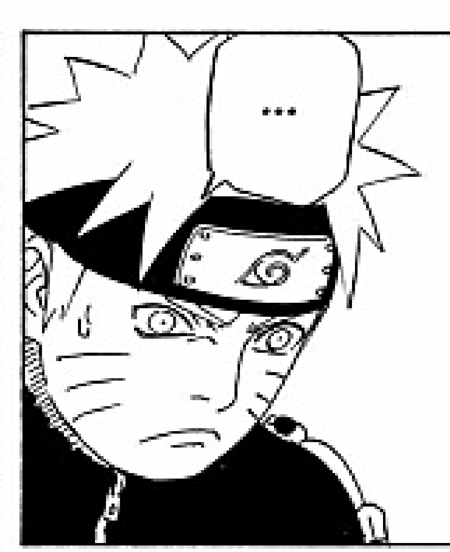
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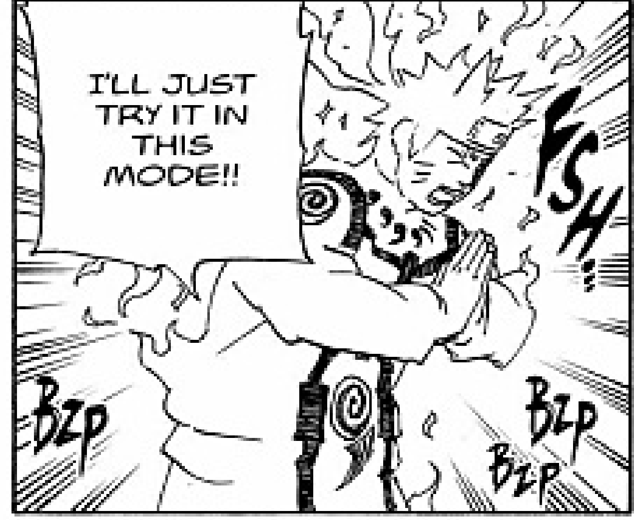
AND THEN RELEASE IT, THAT'S ALL.

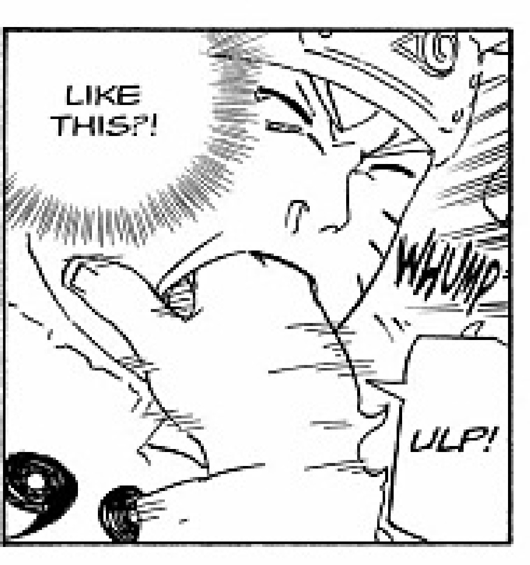
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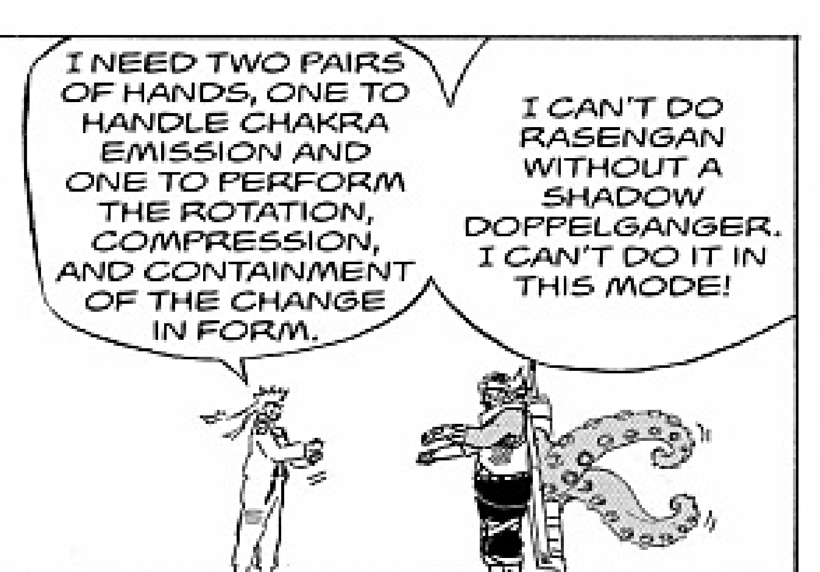

READ THIS WAY


AARGH!
DRIBBLE


IT'S IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT BIJU TRANSFOR-MATION.
BUT I'VE EXPLAINED EVERYTHING TO YOU. NOW, BACK TO BEE...


ZWOOOOOOOO

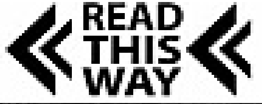

WELL, IT CAN'T BE HELPED... WE MUST RELENT ♪
THE ONLY THING LEFT IS TO TRY YOUR SPECIAL MOVE IN BIJU CHAKRA MODE. WE MUST BE DILIGENT ♪


I CAN'T DO RASENGAN WITHOUT A SHADOW DOPPELGANGER. I CAN'T DO IT IN THIS MODE!
I NEED TWO PAIRS OF HANDS, ONE TO HANDLE CHAKRA EMISSION AND ONE TO PERFORM THE ROTATION, COMPRESSION, AND CONTAINMENT OF THE CHANGE IN FORM.

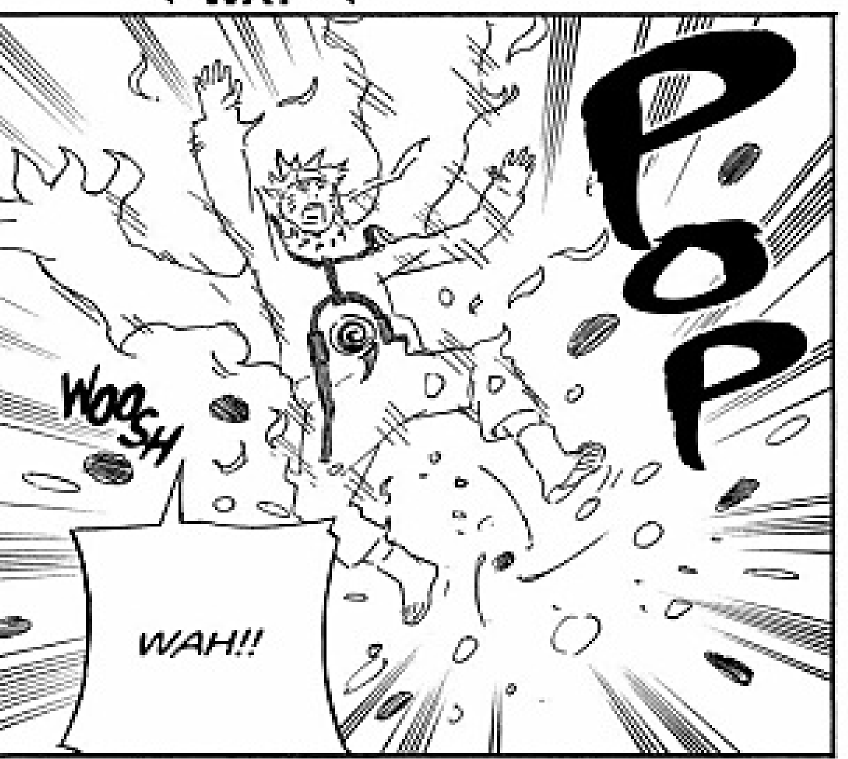

BIJU CHAKRA FEELS LIKE AN EXTENSION OF YOUR LIMBS ♪
NOT TO BE MISTAKEN FOR YOUR ACTUAL ARMS AND LEGS, HMMM?!? ♪
FSH
FSH
FSH

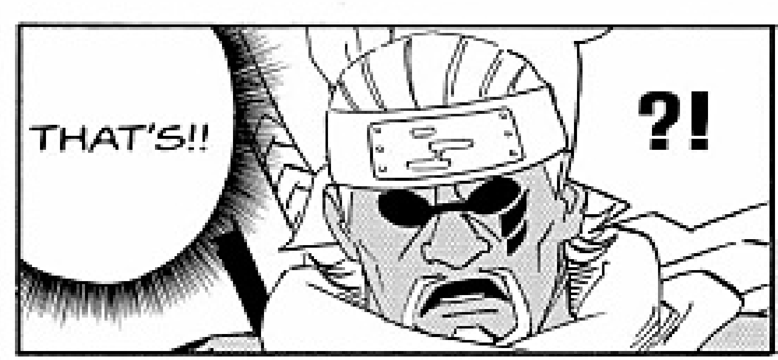

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OKAY...

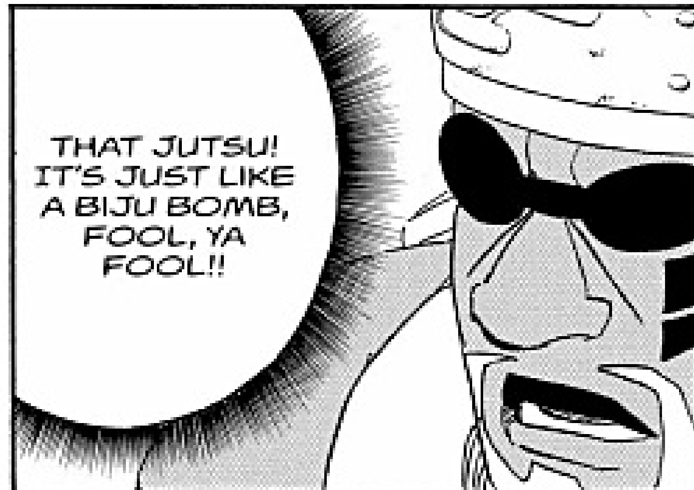

VERY NICE, A GOOD *START* ♪
NOW BRING UP THAT SPECIAL MOVE OF YOURS, AND LET'S SEE IF WE CAN USE ANY *PART* ♪
ALL RIGHT!
YOU MEAN LIKE THIS?
ZWUP
ZWUP
RASENGAN!!
WHUP
WHUP
VWEEN

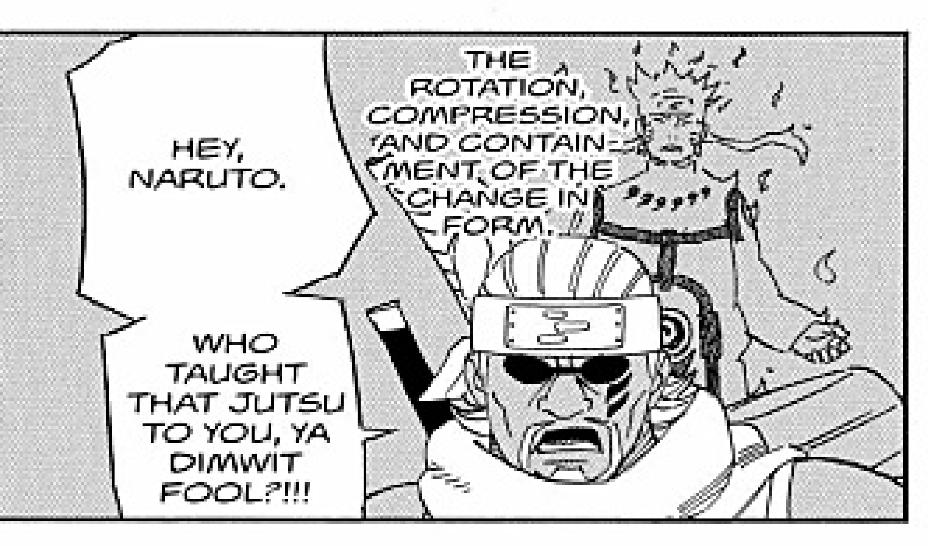

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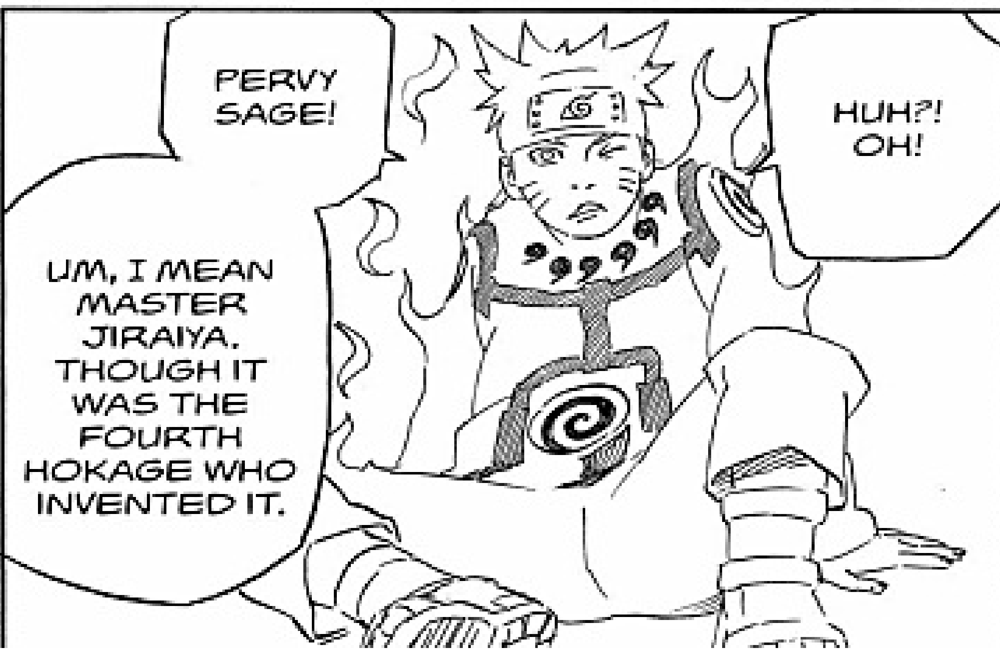

HUH?!


POP
WOOSH
WAH!!


?!
THAT'S!!

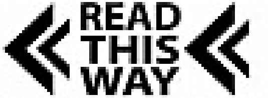

THAT JUTSU! IT'S JUST LIKE A BIJU BOMB, FOOL, YA FOOL!!

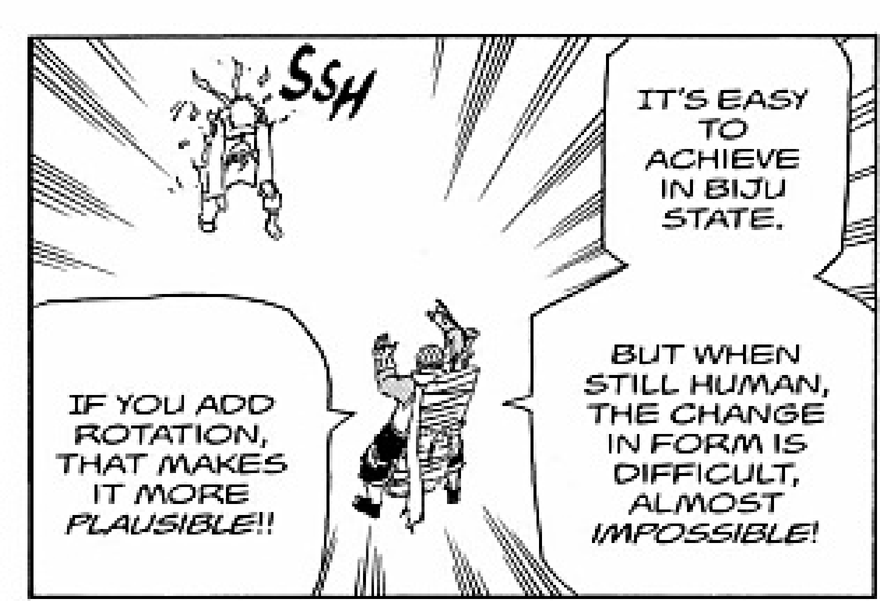

THE ROTATION, COMPRESSION, AND CONTAINMENT OF THE CHANGE IN FORM.
HEY, NARUTO.
WHO TAUGHT THAT JUTSU TO YOU, YA DIMWIT FOOL?!!!


HUH?! OH!
PERVY SAGE!
UM, I MEAN MASTER JIRAIYA. THOUGH IT WAS THE FOURTH HOKAGE WHO INVENTED IT.


FSH
FSH
...!!


THE FOURTH HOKAGE?!!!
WHAT A COINCIDENCE! HOW FATEFUL! TRULY NOT A SHAME ♪
THE RASENGAN! IT'S PUT TOGETHER JUST LIKE A BIJU BOMB! THEY'RE COMPLETELY THE SAME ♪
THE RASENGAN MUST HAVE BEEN MODELED...
...ON THIS BIJU MODE MOVE!!
...
IT'S LIKE IT WAS DEVELOPED TO BESTOW THE BIJU BOMB UPON YOU!! HOW INSANE ♪


READ THIS WAY


SSH
IT'S EASY TO ACHIEVE IN BIJU STATE.
BUT WHEN STILL HUMAN, THE CHANGE IN FORM IS DIFFICULT, ALMOST *IMPOSSIBLE*!
IF YOU ADD ROTATION, THAT MAKES IT MORE *PLAUSIBLE*!!

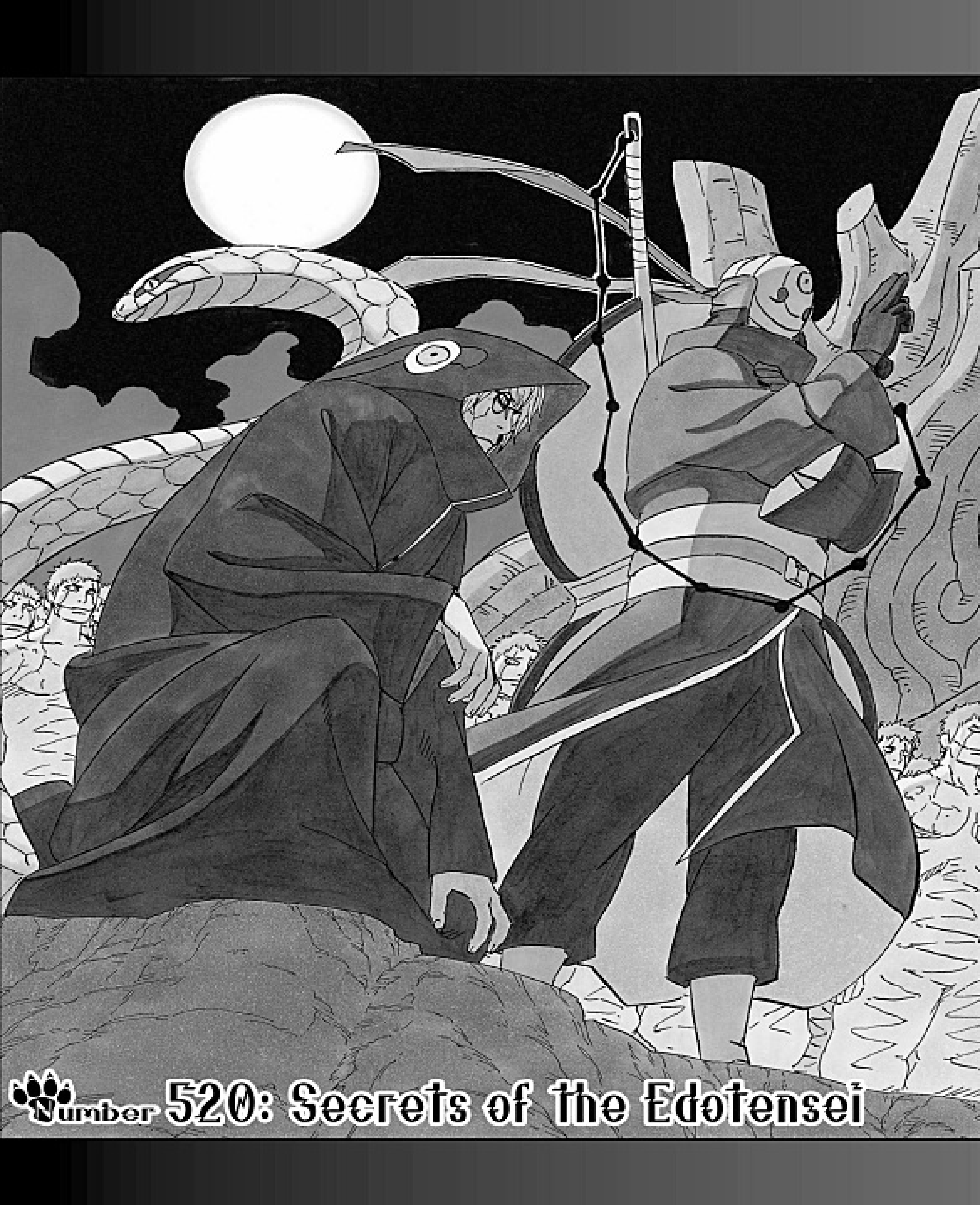

BUT...
IT'S NOT WORKING AS WELL AS MY REGULAR RASEN-GAN...


BIJU CHAKRA IS COMPOSED OF POSITIVE BLACK CHAKRA AND NEGATIVE WHITE CHAKRA AND THEIR RATIO IS THE KEY!
SWU
BLP BLP BLP BLP BLP BLP BLP
ZWOOOO
WHEN YOU'RE COMPRESSING IT, MAKE THE WHITE TO BLACK RATIO TWO TO EIGHT AND IT'LL FORM A SPHERE!


NOW TRY IT!!
YESSIR !!


NARUTO


RAAWR!!
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NARUTO



BAM

WAAH!!

PFFT

NO, NO, YOUR RATIO'S STILL OUT OF *WHACK* ♪

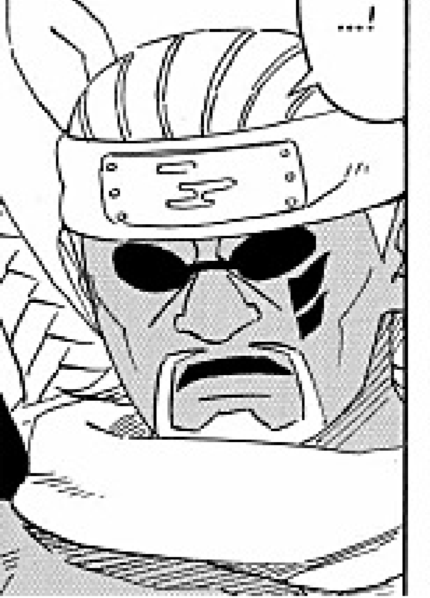
I'M CONFUSED! POSITIVE! NEGATIVE! WHITE CHAKRA! BLACK CHAKRA! RATIOS!

THAT WAS BLACK 9.5 TO WHITE 0.5! IT'S MUCH HARDER THAN IT SOUNDS, TO GRASP THE *KNACK* ♪

I LEARN BY DOING, YA KNOW?!



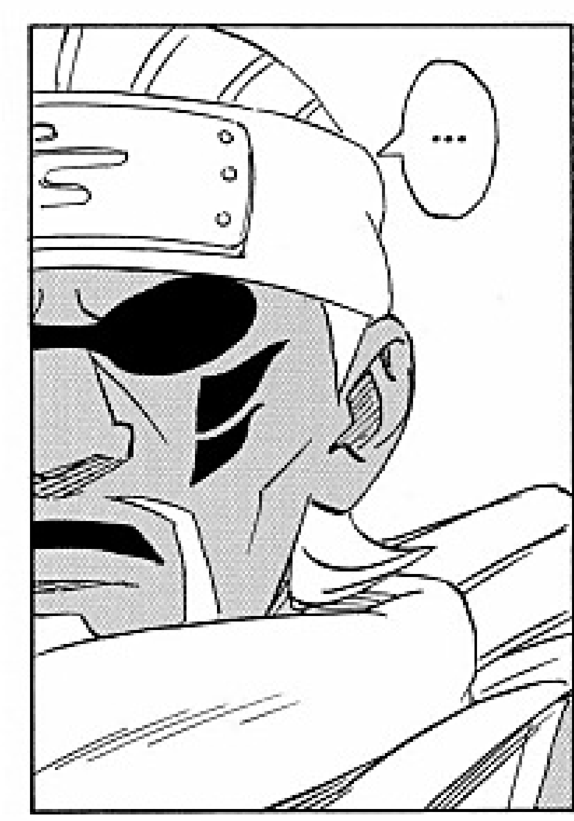


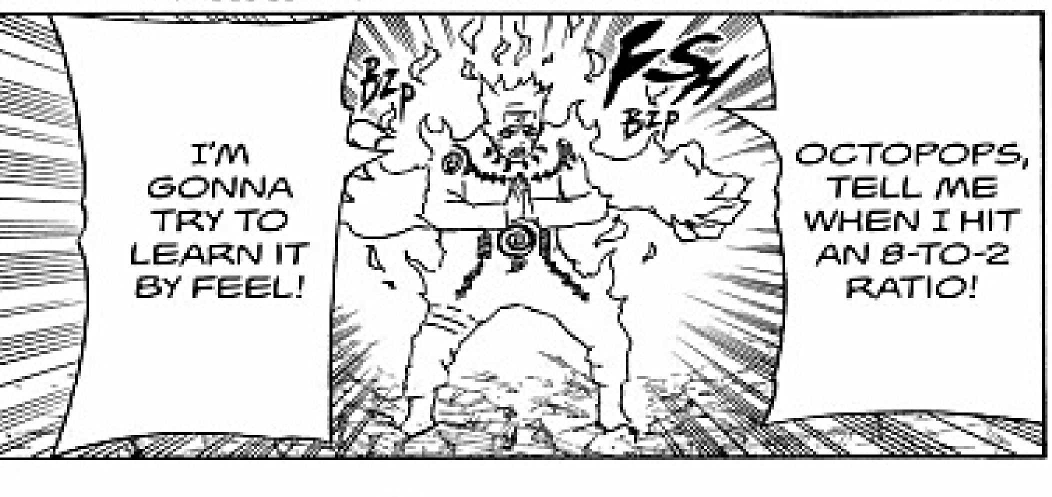




...
YOU'RE HANDICAPPED IN HUMAN FORM... IT'S A TOUGHER TOIL ♪
REST A BIT, THOSE WOUNDS ON YOUR HANDS ARE A TYPE OF JUTSU RECOIL ♪
UNH
OWW...!
I TOLD YOU, I CAN'T WORRY ABOUT THE DETAILS!









UNH...

THE WOMAN IS STILL ALIVE.

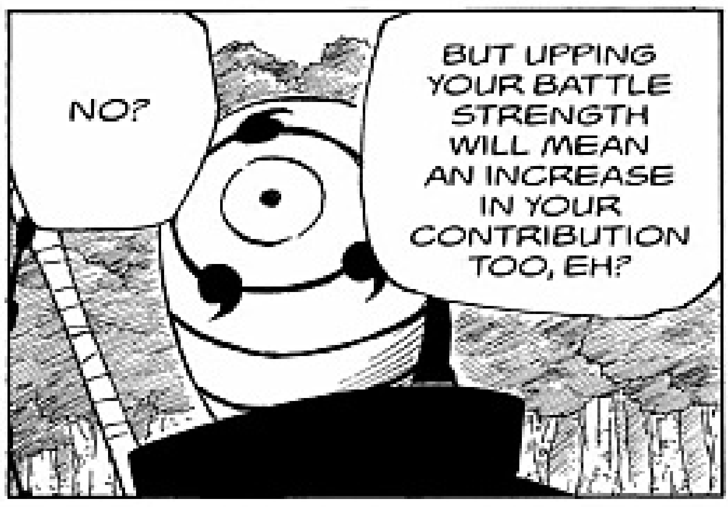
SHE'S COMPATIBLE WITH LORD OROCHIMARU'S CURSE MARK. SHE CARRIES SOME OF HIS CHAKRA.

I CAN'T KILL HER YET.

NO... YOU MUST FINISH HER OFF HERE AND NOW.

SHE KNOWS WHERE OUR HQ IS AND HOW TO GET INSIDE.

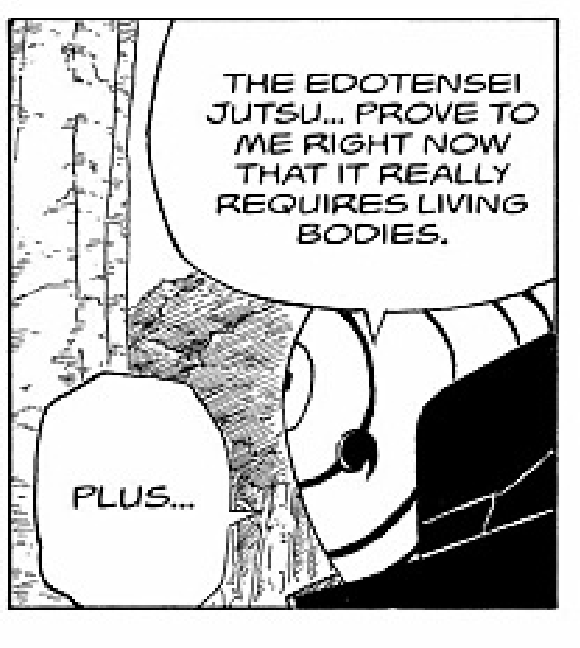
I AM NOW LORD OROCHIMARU, AT LEAST IN BODY.
HIS CHAKRA IS CRITICAL FOR ME IF I AM TO EXPAND MY POWER.
SHE NEEDS TO BE ALIVE FOR ME TO EXTRACT LORD OROCHIMARU'S CHAKRA.



NO?
BUT UPPING YOUR BATTLE STRENGTH WILL MEAN AN INCREASE IN YOUR CONTRIBUTION TOO, EH?



THE EDOTENSEI REQUIRES LIVE BODIES.
SHE MUST LIVE.
SQK
THEN THE BINDING STRENGTH OF MY EDOTENSEI WILL BE EVEN GREATER!



THE EDOTENSEI JUTSU... PROVE TO ME RIGHT NOW THAT IT REALLY REQUIRES LIVING BODIES.
PLUS...



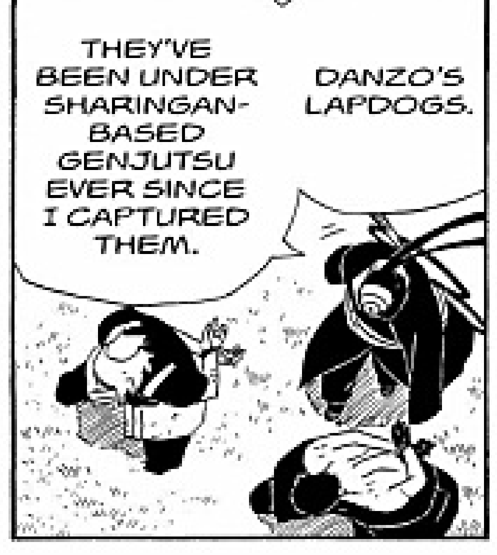
SO HOW CAN I CONVINCE YOU?
IT APPEARS YOU STILL DON'T TRUST ME...



THERE IS A CHANCE YOUR ADVANTAGE SHALL PUT ME AT A DISADVANTAGE.
A FRIEND TODAY... MAY BE AN ENEMY TOMORROW...


READ THIS WAY
YOU WILL SPILL ALL ITS SECRETS!
INCLUDING HOW TO STOP IT!
GRRRRR
AND IF I SAY NO...?
YOUR LIFE!!
YOU WILL SURELY NOT REACH WHAT YOU DESIRE, AND WHAT YOU DESIRE WILL BECOME SOMETHING ELSE.
...
TAKING ON THE RINNEGAN HERE WON'T HELP ME...
BUT I'VE GOT A PLAN! NO NEED TO GIVE AWAY ALL MY SECRETS AT ONCE.
...VERY WELL...
BUT THERE'S NO ONE HERE TO USE AS A SACRIFICE...
LIKE I SAID, THIS WOMAN'S OFF-LIMITS.


THOSE TWO. AREN'T THEY...?

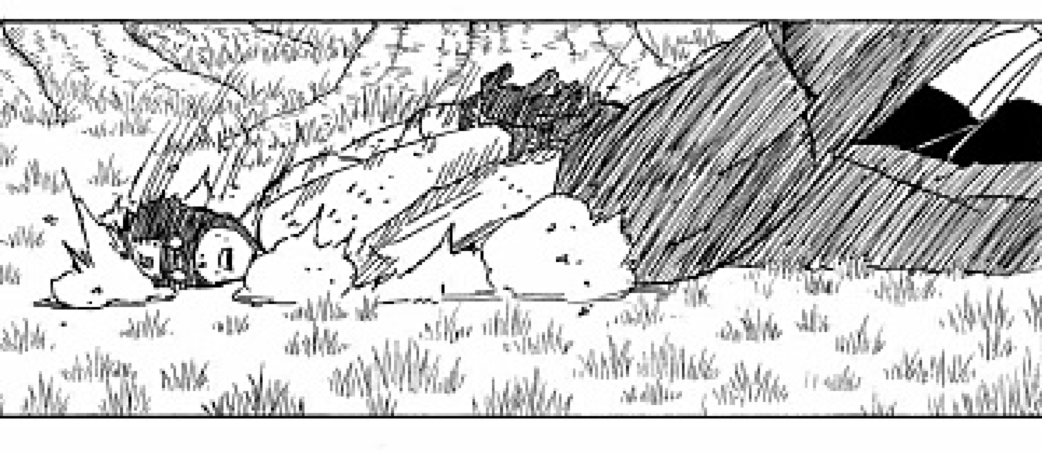

DANZO'S LAPDOGS.
THEY'VE BEEN UNDER SHARINGAN-BASED GENJUTSU EVER SINCE I CAPTURED THEM.


WHAM

SNAP

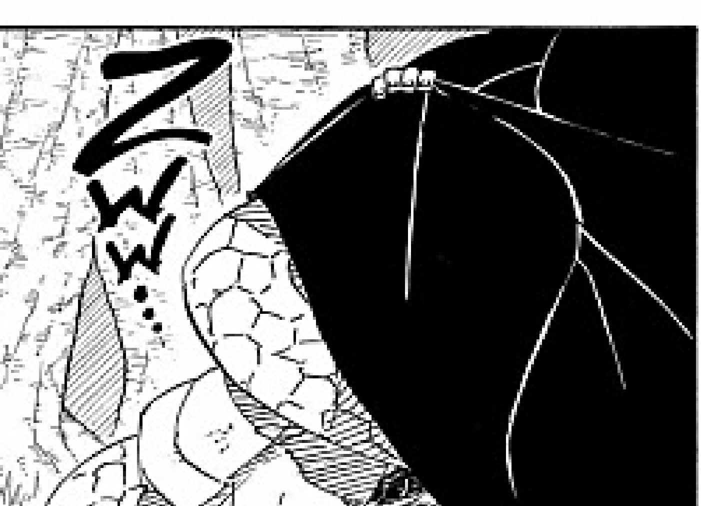
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SO MERCI-LESS...




HERE, I'VE DONE THE PREP WORK FOR YOU...
NOW RECALL THE SOUL OF THE ONE I JUST KILLED AND REVIVE HIM INSIDE THIS OTHER ONE USING THE EDOTENSEI.


FSH


ZWW...

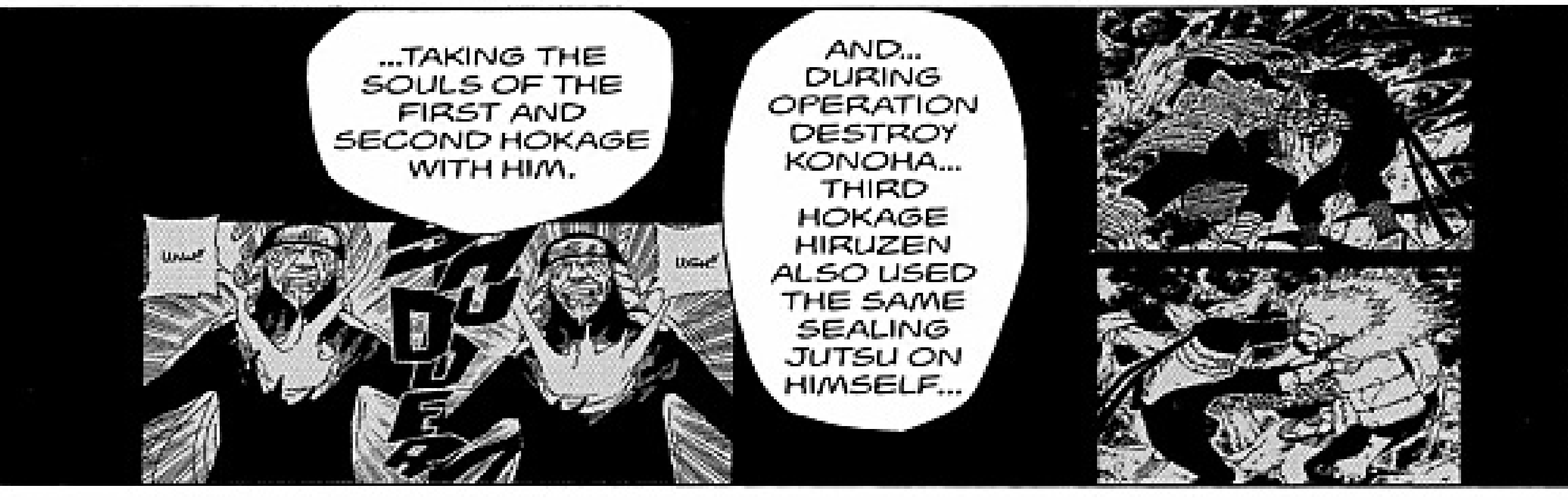

SSSH...


ZWP...


IT INVOLVES SUMMONING A SOUL OF THE DEAD FROM THE PURE LAND, OR AFTERLIFE, BACK TO THIS PLANE... EDO THE IMPURE WORLD...
CHK
IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THAT, A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF FLESH...
SPLICH
SHOOM
...FROM THE BODY OF THE PERSON YOU WANT TO REVIVE IS NECESSARY.

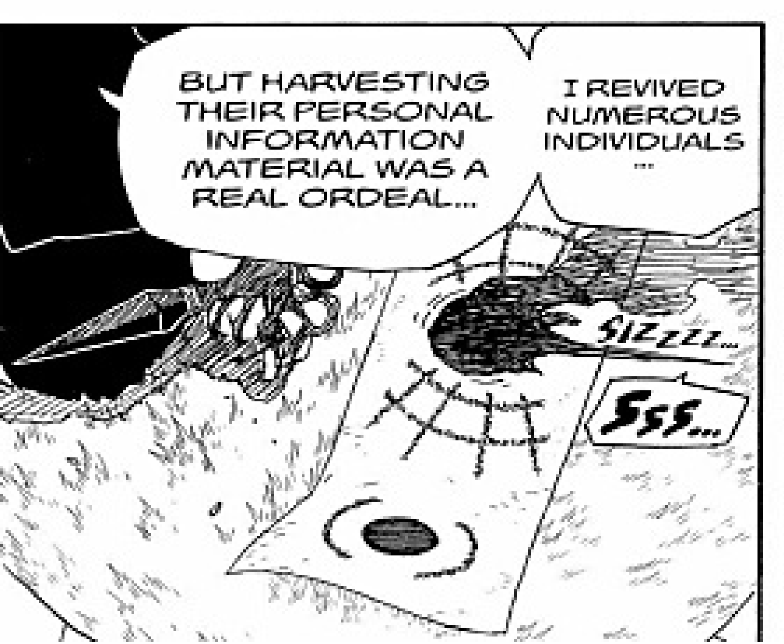

...JUST SO YOU KNOW... THE EDOTENSEI IS CATEGORIZED AS A TYPE OF SUMMONING JUTSU...
WOOSH
OOOOOM...
FSH

ANY TISSUE THAT CONTAINS PERSONAL INFORMATION MATERIAL.
SPLATCH
IF NONE EXISTS, THAT PERSON CANNOT BE REVIVED WITH THE EDOTENSEI.
IN ADDITION, THOSE WHOSE SOULS DO NOT DWELL IN THE PURE LAND... FOR EXAMPLE, THEIR SOULS ARE SEALED AWAY SOME-WHERE ELSE, ALSO CANNOT BE REVIVED.
LORD OROCHIMARU ONCE TRIED TO REVIVE THE FOURTH HOKAGE AND FAILED...
...BECAUSE THE GOD OF DEATH NOW HAS HIS SOUL AFTER HE USED THE REAPER DEATH SEAL SEALING JUTSU.

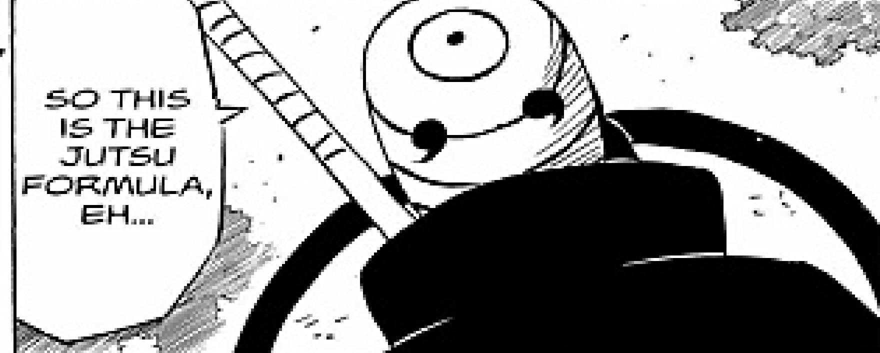


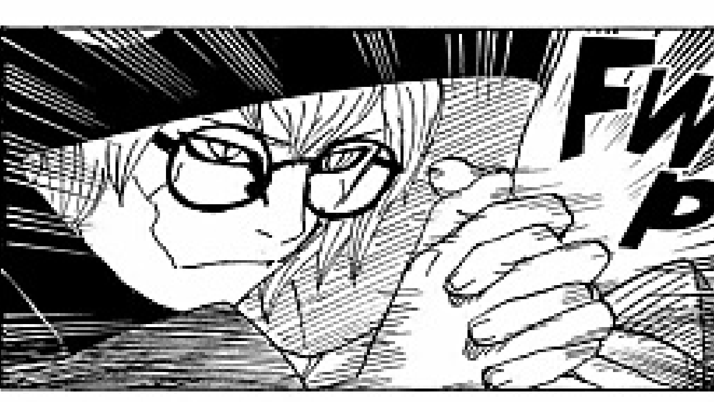






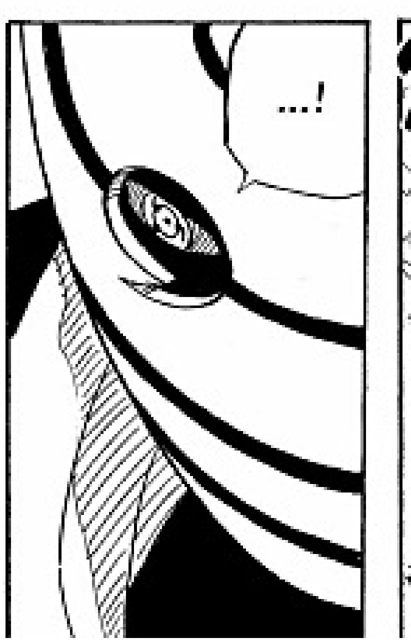
IT'S REALLY JUST GRAVE ROBBING.
SOMETIMES THEY'RE SO ROTTED YOU CAN'T EVEN TELL WHO IT IS.
A FEW JUST DID NOTHING.
FWOOSH
WHOOSH
THUD











THUS YOU MAKE THE LIVING PERSON THE VESSEL FOR THE DEAD ONE'S SOUL.

AND THAT COMPLETES THE EDO-TENSEI.

HUF

HUF

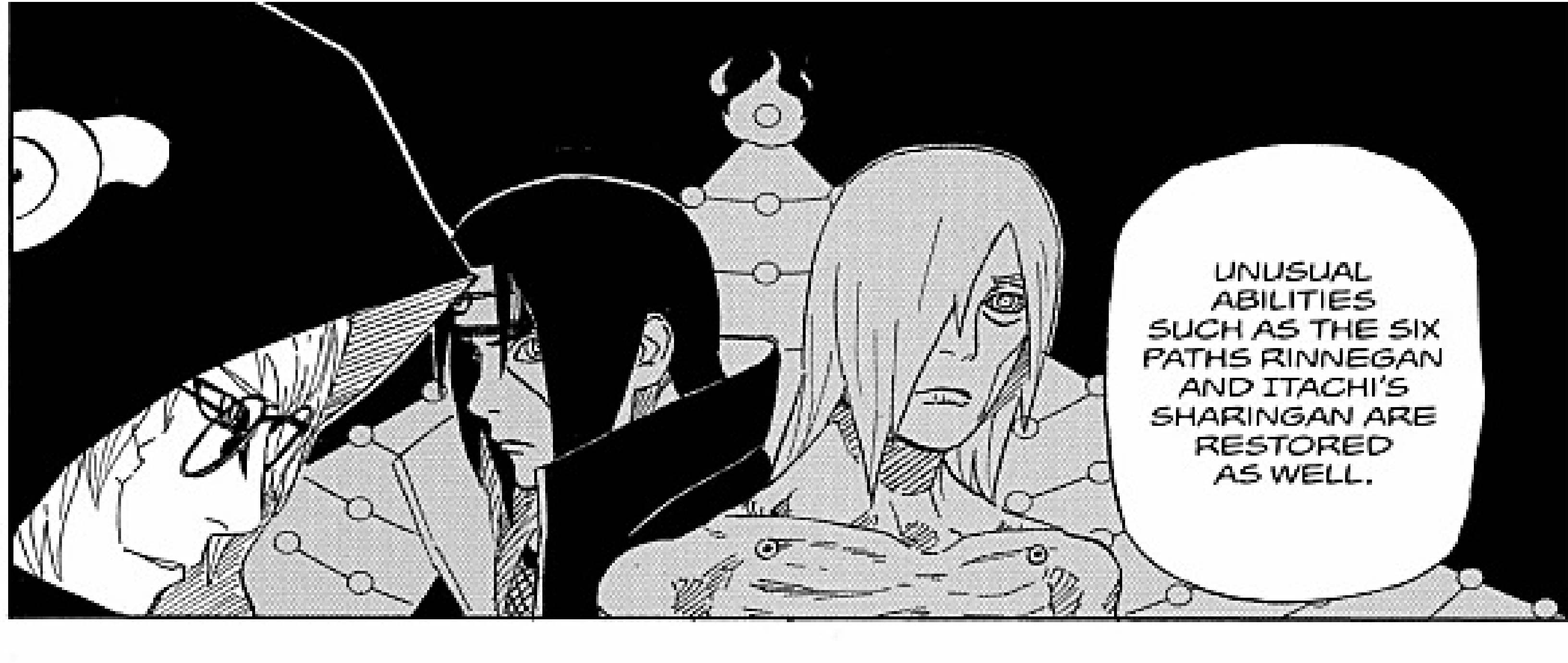
HUF

AAAARGH!!!

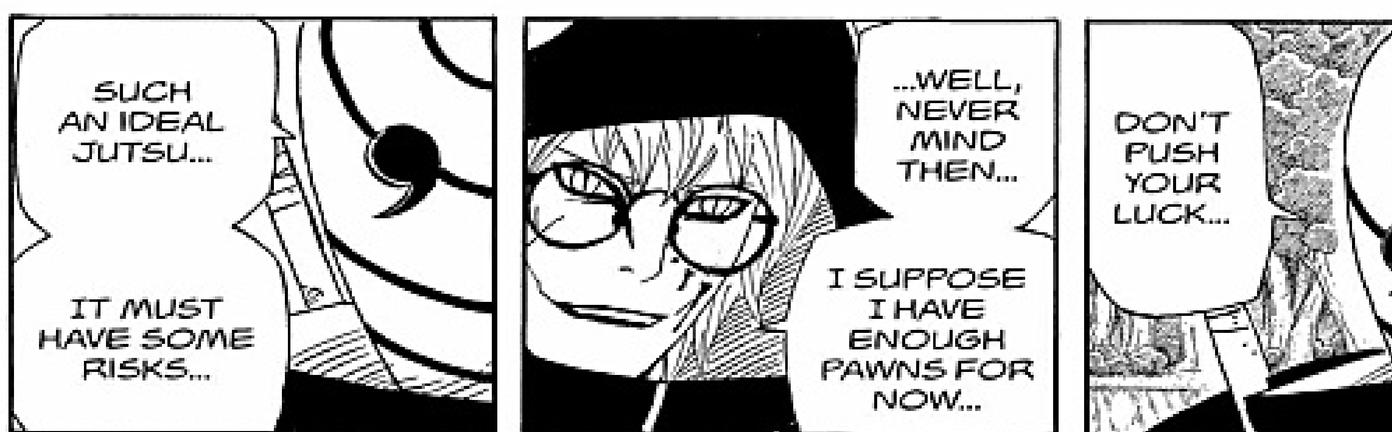
ZWWWWWW

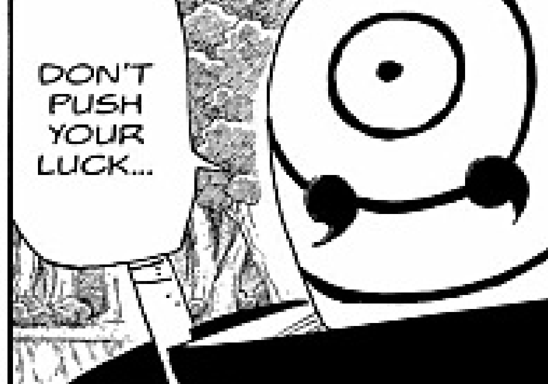


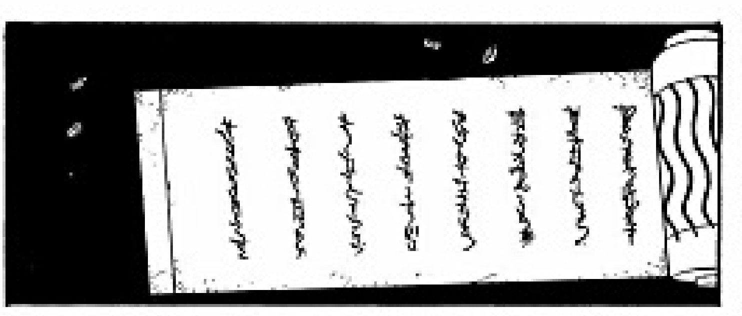



UNUSUAL ABILITIES SUCH AS THE SIX PATHS RINNEGAN AND ITACHI'S SHARINGAN ARE RESTORED AS WELL.


IT'S JUST THAT... I COULD NOT LOCATE UCHIHA SHISUI'S BODY ANYWHERE. AND JIRAIYA'S WAS TOO DEEP UNDERSEA, AT A WATER PRESSURE INTOLERABLE TO HUMAN INTRUSION.
HOWEVER, PERHAPS THERE IS STILL ENOUGH OF THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION MATERIAL REMAINING IN DANZO'S RIGHT EYE AND THE SIX PAINS' WEAPONS, RESPECTIVELY...


SUCH AN IDEAL JUTSU...
IT MUST HAVE SOME RISKS...
...WELL, NEVER MIND THEN...
I SUPPOSE I HAVE ENOUGH PAWNS FOR NOW...


DON'T PUSH YOUR LUCK...




HEH HEH HEH...

BLIP
BLIP
BLIP

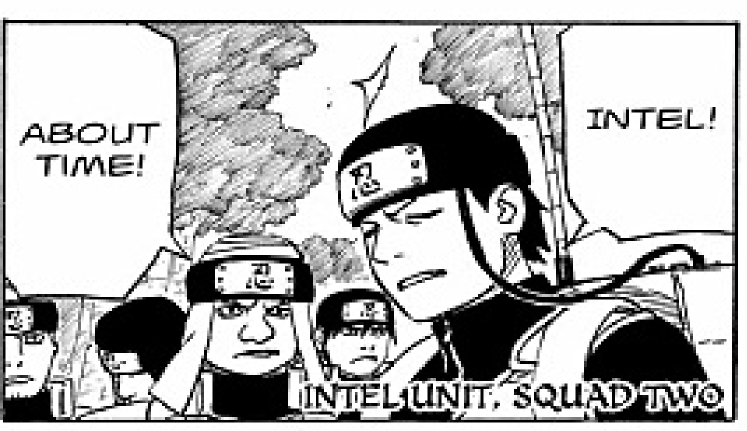
WE WOULD HAVE COMPLETELY MISSED THIS WITHOUT ABURAME MUTA'S INTEL...
A GREAT ARMY IS MARCHING HERE UNDER-GROUND!
WE NEED TO EXPAND SENSING RANGES DEEPER DOWN!
THEY'RE PLANNING TO PASS RIGHT UNDER OUR TROOPS' FEET! ARE THEY TRYING TO TAKE THE ALLIED FORCES FROM THE REAR?

SPLIT APART THE GROUND WITH DOTON!
CONTACT KITSUCHI, STAT!!

INTEL UNIT, RELAY THE FOLLOWING TO KITSUCHI, NOW.

電
INCOMING!
電
INTEL UNIT, SQUAD ONE





APPROXIMATELY 20 THOUSAND OF THE ENEMY, UNDERGROUND, AT COORDINATES 25 BY 30.
NOW WE'RE TALKING!!!
MAIN BATTLE REGIMENT, SECOND COMPANY CAPTAIN
KITSUCHI


SHOOM SHOOM
!!

KABOOM

BOOM

I'M GOING TO KEEP THEM COMING!!

ZAJI, THE BEACON!!

OKAY!!!

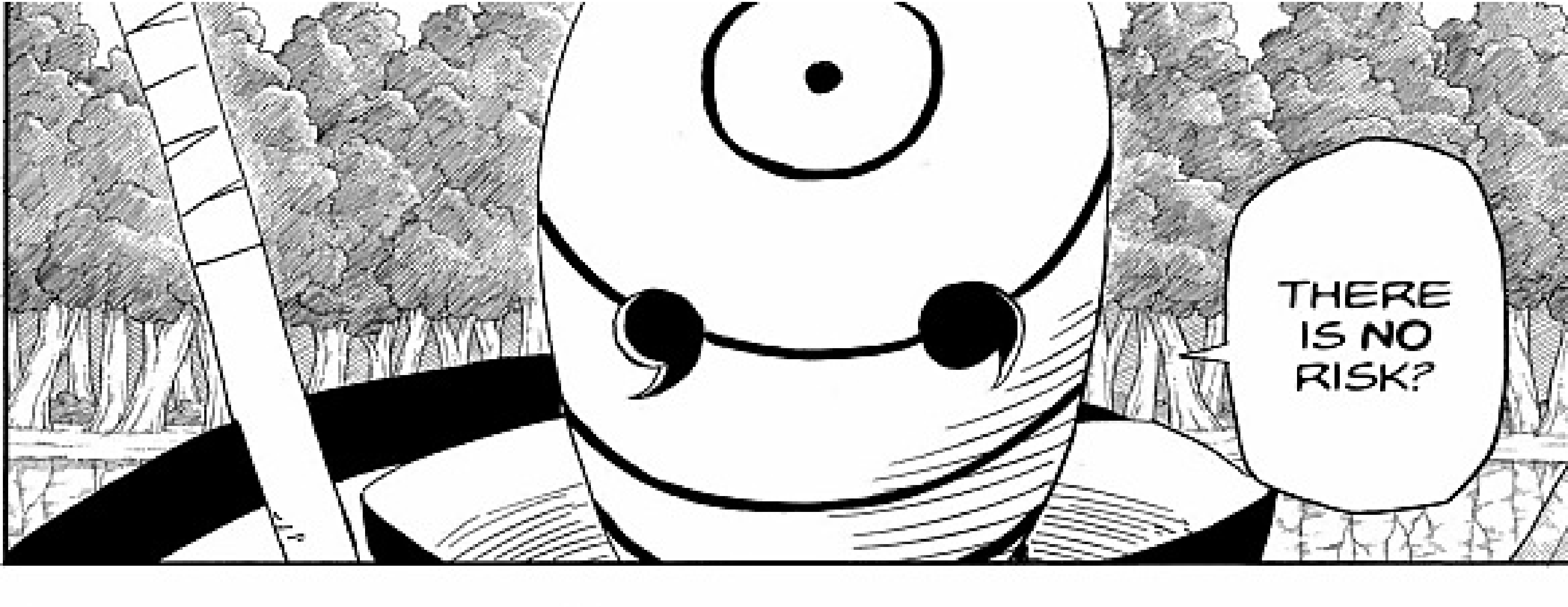




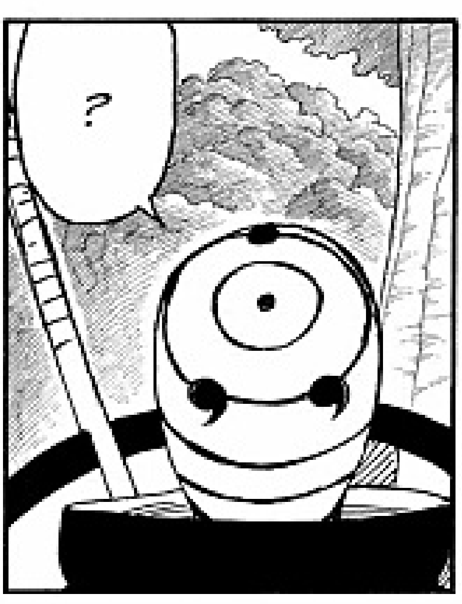

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, MASTER ZABUZA?
LOOKS LIKE YOU WASTED A JUTSU, HAKU.
THIS EDOTENSEI... I GUESS WE CAN'T DIE SINCE WE'RE DEAD ALREADY.
...I **REALLY** DON'T CARE FOR THIS JUTSU...
THE *MOST* BRILLIANT ASPECT OF THE EDOTENSEI...
...IS THAT THERE IS ABSOLUTELY **NO** RISK TO THE CASTER!


NARUTO

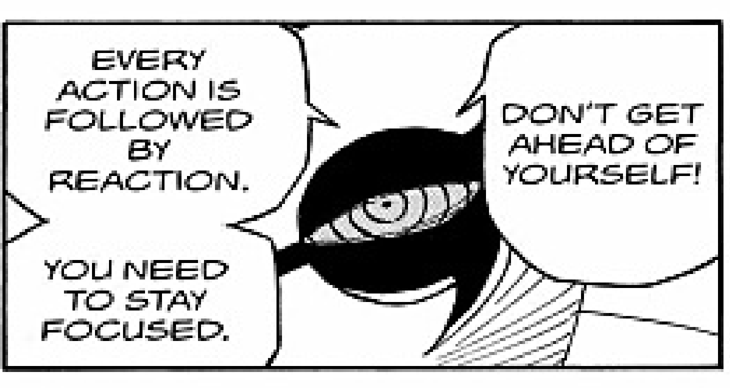

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521: The Main Regiment in Battle!!


THERE IS NO RISK?


IT'S TRUE. EDOTENSEI JUTSU HAS NO RISKS.
EXCEPT FOR ONE POSSIBILITY.

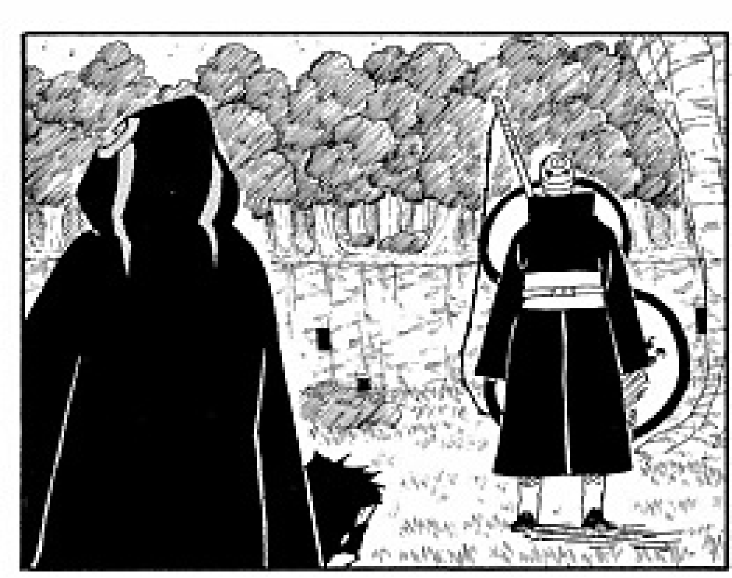

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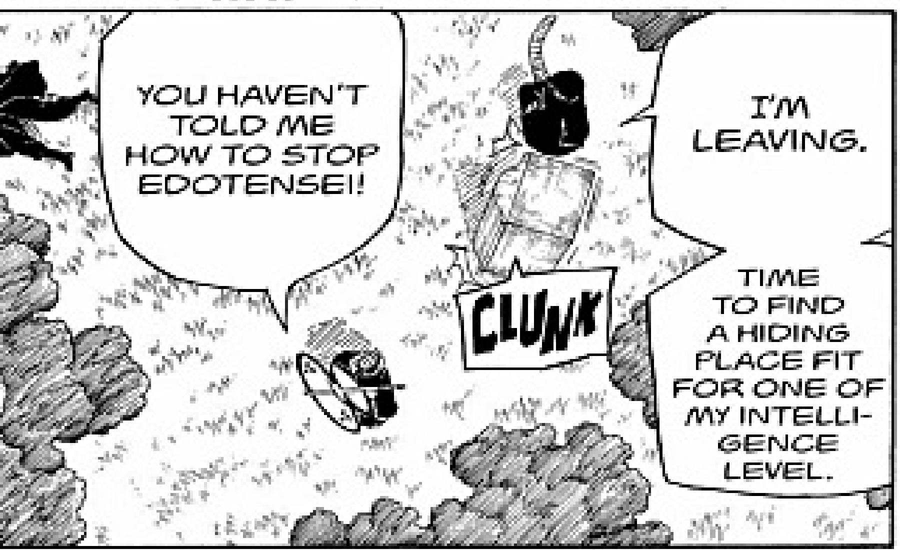

IT IS A POWERFUL JUTSU.
WHOEVER WIELDS IT BECOMES FAMOUS FAR AND WIDE.
I WILL EVENTUALLY BE MORE KNOWN THAN EVEN UCHIHA MADARA.
BUT I DON'T NEED THAT FAME. I DON'T WANT TO BECOME A TARGET.


DON'T GET AHEAD OF YOURSELF!
EVERY ACTION IS FOLLOWED BY REACTION.
YOU NEED TO STAY FOCUSED.

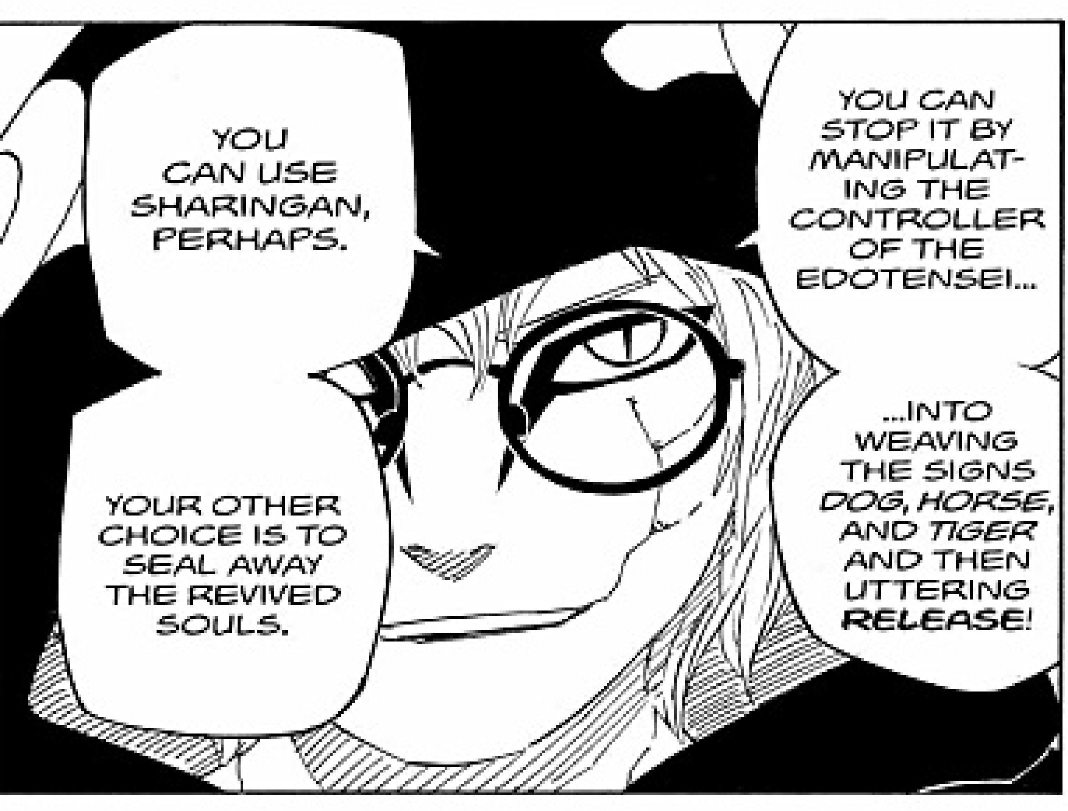

THANK YOU FOR THE WARN-ING.
I THINK THE ONLY RISK PERTAINING TO THIS JUTSU NOW IS THAT I'VE TOLD YOU ABOUT IT.


READ THIS WAY



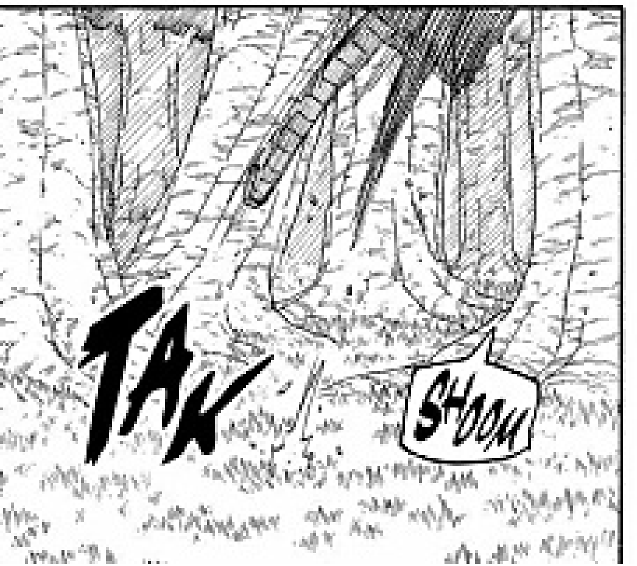

I'M LEAVING.
TIME TO FIND A HIDING PLACE FIT FOR ONE OF MY INTELLIGENCE LEVEL.
CLUNK
YOU HAVEN'T TOLD ME HOW TO STOP EDOTENSEI!


OH! I ALMOST FORGOT.
EVEN IF YOU DIE, THE EDOTENSEI YOU CREATE REMAINS.
SO HOW DOES ONE STOP IT?
IT'S SIMPLE.


YOU CAN STOP IT BY MANIPULATING THE CONTROLLER OF THE EDOTENSEI...
...INTO WEAVING THE SIGNS *DOG, HORSE,* AND *TIGER* AND THEN UTTERING **RELEASE**!
YOU CAN USE SHARINGAN, PERHAPS.
YOUR OTHER CHOICE IS TO SEAL AWAY THE REVIVED SOULS.

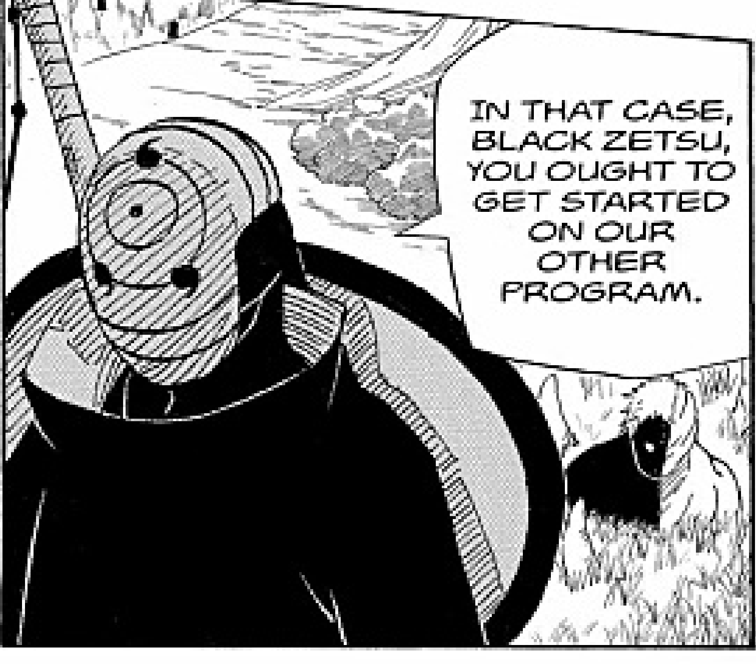

...
YOU'D BETTER NOT BE LYING!


I'M NOT BRAVE ENOUGH TO LIE TO YOU.
NOW I TOLD YOU WHAT TO DO. I MUST GO.
SWOO

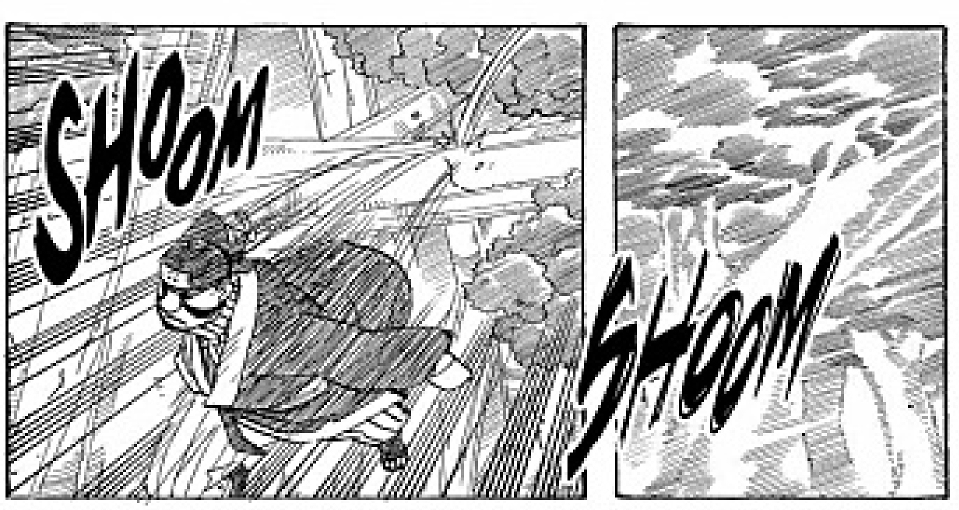

SHOOM
TAK

SO AS LONG AS I HAVE THE EDOTENSEI AND THAT OTHER JUTSU, I'M INVINCIBLE.
I SWEAR ONE DAY I'LL CRACK THE TRUTH ABOUT THE SAGE OF SIX PATHS!!











TOKTOK

COME BE REINFORCEMENTS.

THE EDO-TENSEI.

THE JUTSU HAS BEEN REFINED SINCE THE TIME OF THE SECOND HOKAGE, TOBIRAMA.

WHAT AN IMPRESSIVE NINJA TO HAVE BOUND SO MANY SOULS AT ONCE.

CAPTAIN MIFUNÉ!

WE'VE JUST RECEIVED WORD FROM HQ! THE ENEMY APPEARS TO BE MARCHING RIGHT PAST US UNDERFOOT, DEEP UNDERGROUND!

THE SENSORY UNIT MEMBERS ON THE GROUND CAN'T DETECT THEM.

THAT CAN ONLY MEAN THEY MUST NOT BE HUMAN.

ALL RIGHT! CONSIDERING OUR ELONGATED DEPLOYMENT FORMATION, TAKE A FEW OF THE PLATOONS...

...FROM OUR FIFTH COMPANY CLOSEST TO KITSUCHI'S SECOND COMPANY AND SEND THEM OVER AS REINFORCEMENTS!!

QUICKLY!!

DARUI'S FIRST COMPANY

MIFUNE'S FIFTH COMPANY

GAARA'S FOURTH COMPANY

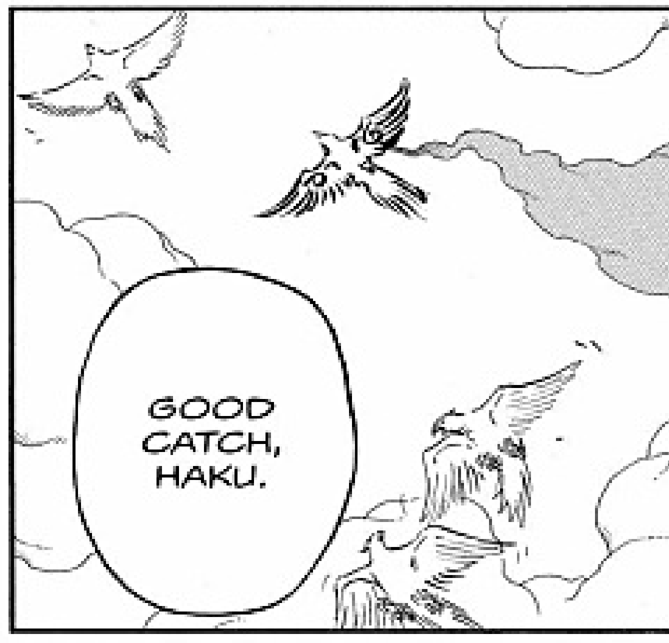
KITSUCHI'S SECOND COMPANY

TOK

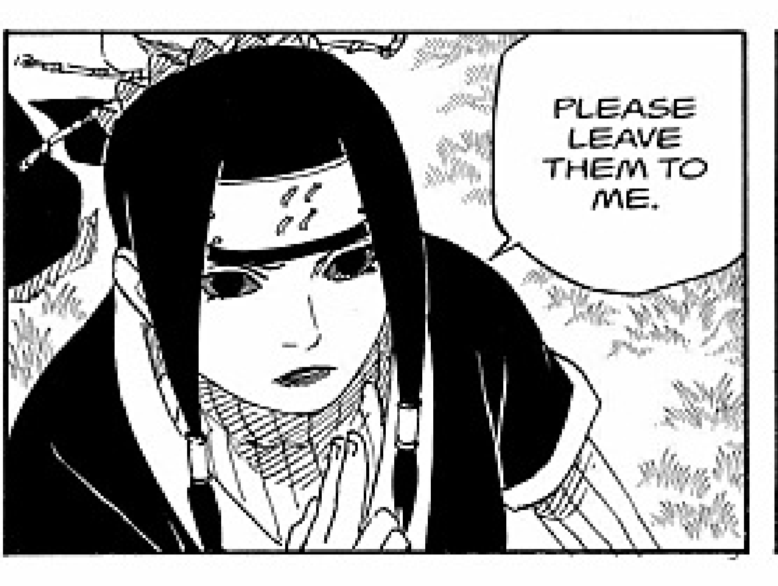
KAKASHI'S THIR UNIT

KANKURO'S COMMANDO UNIT

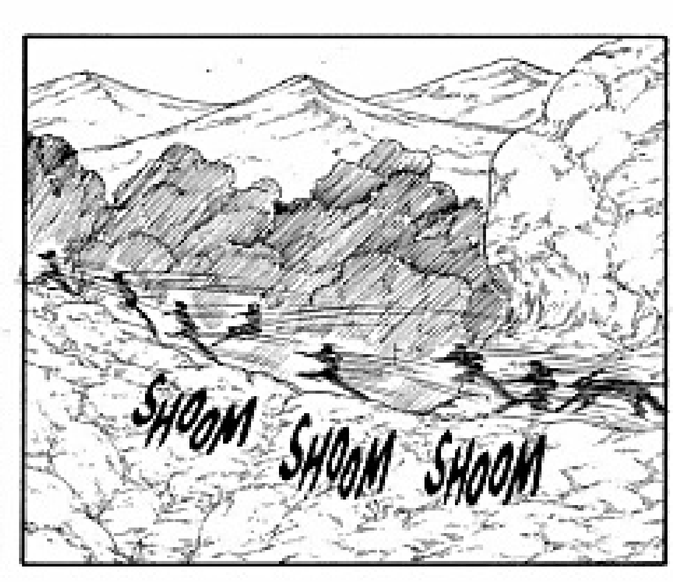














YUP...

BAM

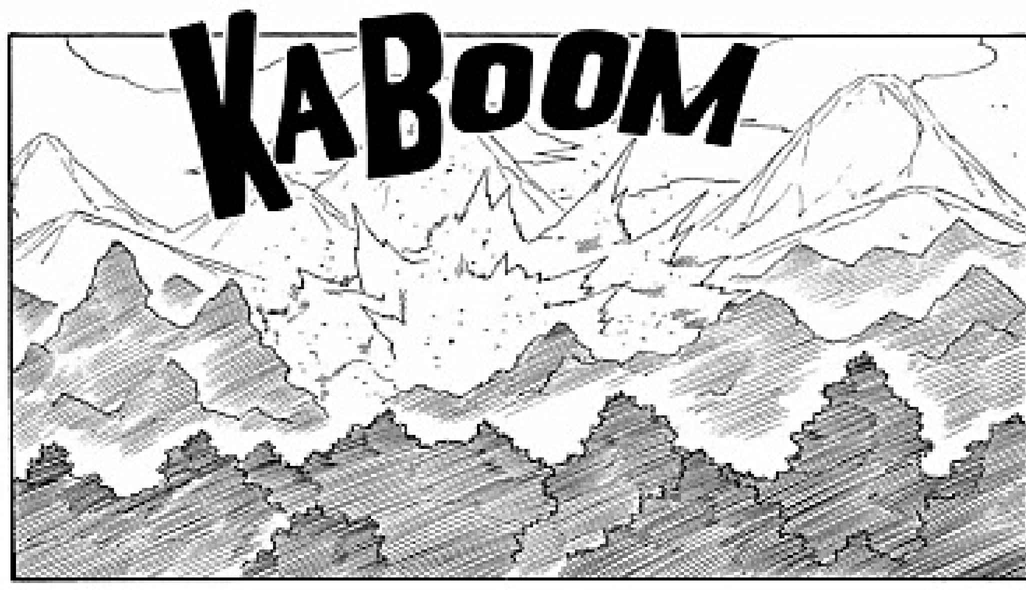
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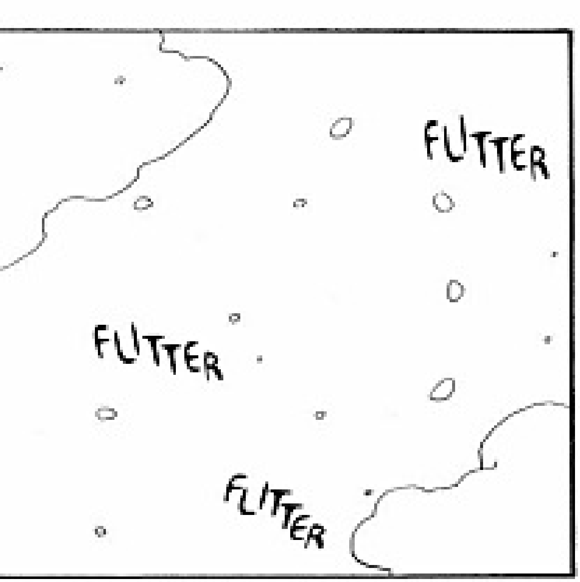

ENGAGE!!
VOOM
SHOO


D-D-D-D-


SPINNING FANGS!!
FANG OVER FANG!!
8 TRIGRAMS AIR PALM WALL!!
BEETLE SPHERE!!
CLOUD STYLE! FRONT SLICE!!
SMASH !!

THK-THK-THK-THK-THK-THK





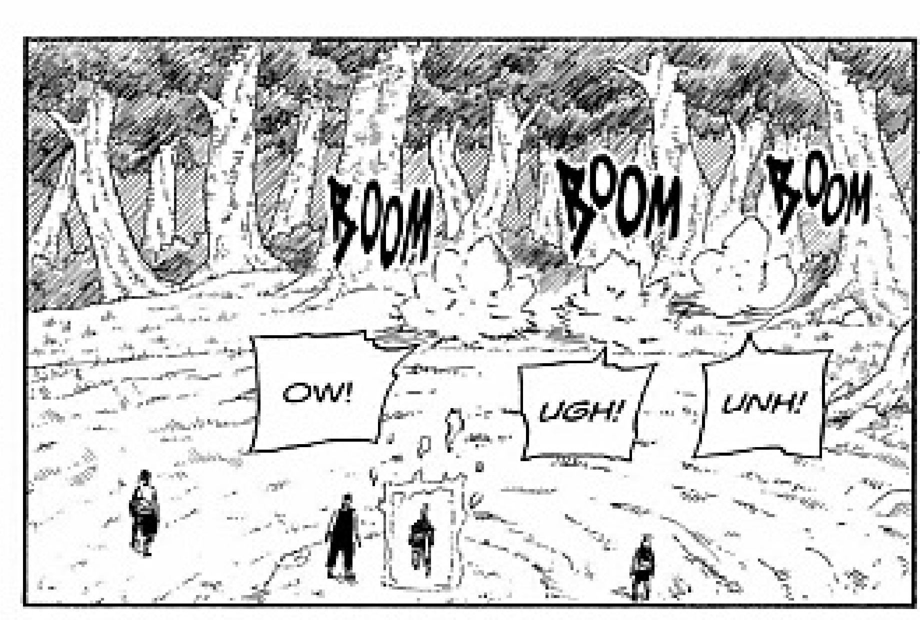


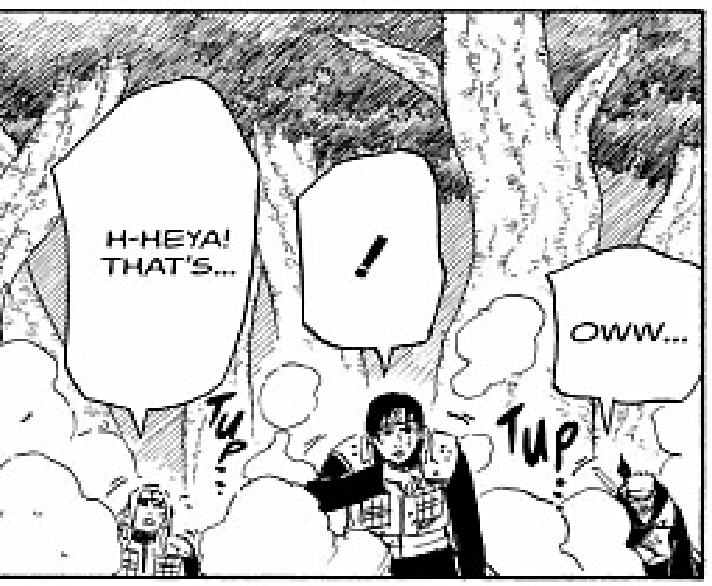





SECRET JUTSU! ICE CRYSTAL MAGIC MIRROR TECHNIQUE!!
FSH
FSHHH
!!
KRAK KRAK KRAK
SWOOSH
UGH!!
WHOA!







WHAT THE... THEY'RE ALL KIDS.

PAKURA OF SAND AND GARI OF STONES!!

OUR BODIES ARE IMMORTAL, WHICH MEANS A MUTUAL STRIKE IS SUFFICIENT.

!!

TH-THEY'RE ALL KEKKEI GENKAI SHINOBI!!

EXCEPT ME.

IT'S NOTHING PERSONAL TOWARDS YOU ALL...

WE'RE NOT IN CONTROL OF OUR ACTIONS.

UNH...

HERE THEY COME!!

ZOOM

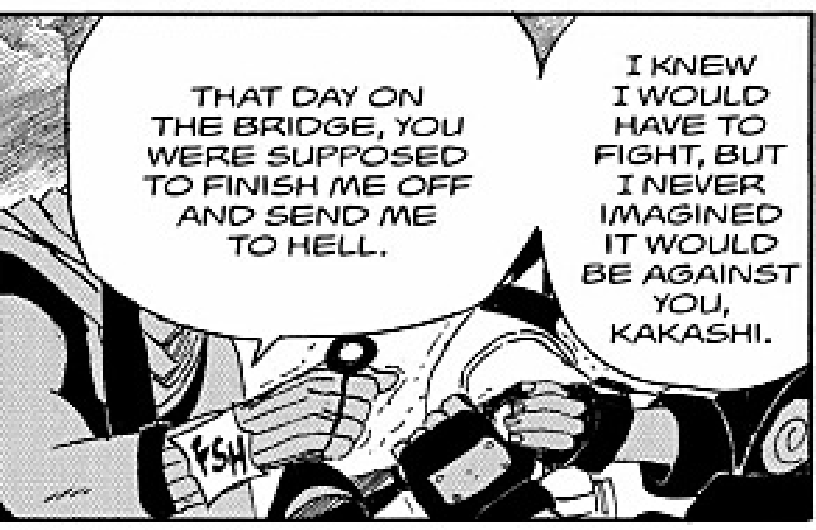
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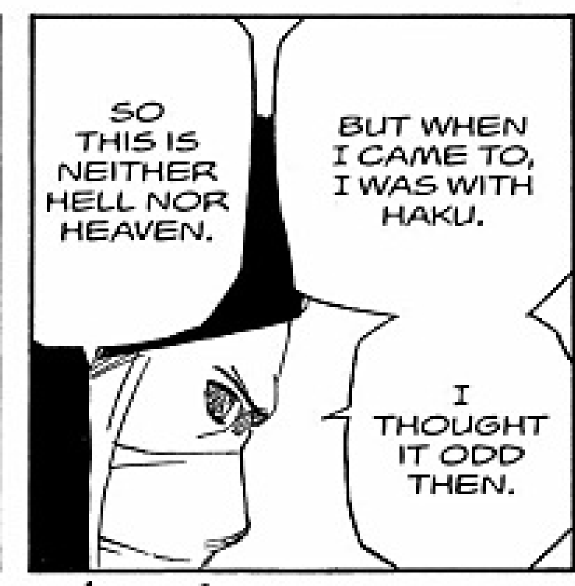
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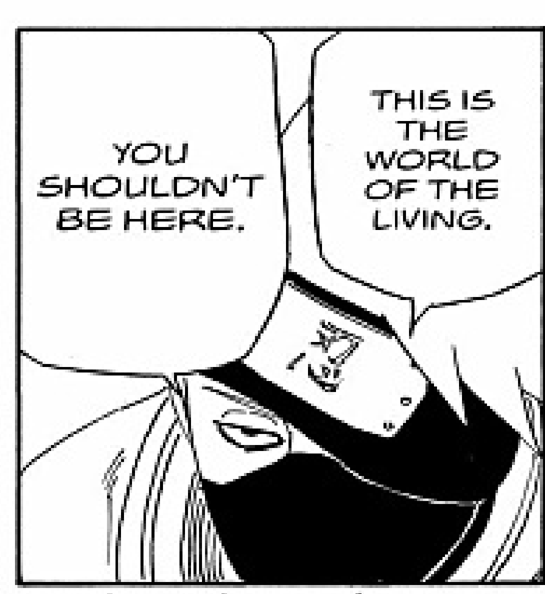

WHAM
!!
MISTER KAKASHI?
?!













BAM BAM BAM BAM

WHAT? THEY KNOW EACH OTHER?

WAIT FOR CAPTAIN KAKASHI'S SIGNAL.


HO! YOU'VE GROWN UP, KAKASHI'S LITTLE KUNOICHI.
AND IS THAT OTHER LAD STILL DOING WELL?
HUH?! UH... YES!


TO BECOME TOP DOG IN MY HOME-TOWN...
ALL THE PEOPLE WHO USED TO TREAT ME LIKE DIRT WILL HAVE TO SAY, "HE'S THE NUMBER ONE NINJA"!


HE DEFEATED US. HE MUST BE FAMOUS.
YEAH, THEY NAMED THAT BRIDGE AFTER HIM. THE GREAT NARUTO BRIDGE!
TO EVERYONE IN THAT VILLAGE HE'S A HERO.


HEH...
...?


THANKS TO THE TWO OF YOU, NARUTO WAS ABLE TO DISCOVER HIS SHINOBI WAY.
HE PLEDGED TO FOLLOW IT AT YOUR GRAVE.
HE'S NOW QUITE THE SPLENDID SHINOBI.


WELL THEN...
...NOW HE SHALL GET EVEN STRONGER.



REMINISCE ENOUGH?
WE NEED TO GET TO WORK.
I CAN FEEL POWER FLOWING INTO ME!
HERE WE GO!!
UNH
KAKASHI... YOU MUST STOP...
...US!
VWOOOSH



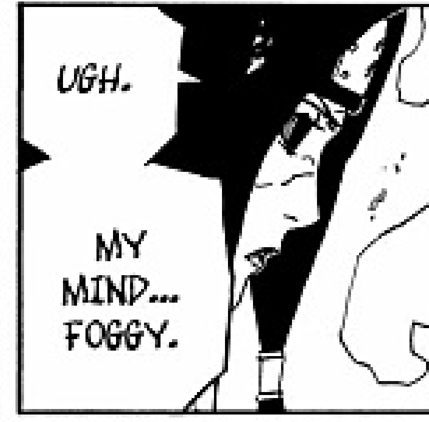
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TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK
WAH!

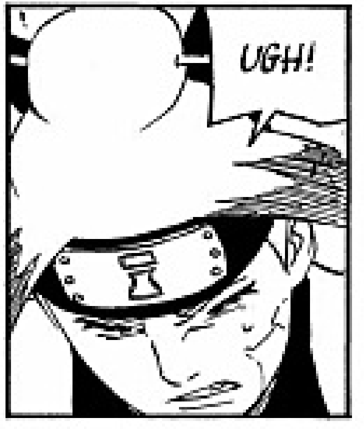
I-ISN'T THAT...?!
YEAH! NO MISTAKE!!

THAT'S THE DEMON MOMOCHI ZABUZA!!
AND THE ACCURSED SNOW CLAN CHILD WITH THE ICE STYLE!





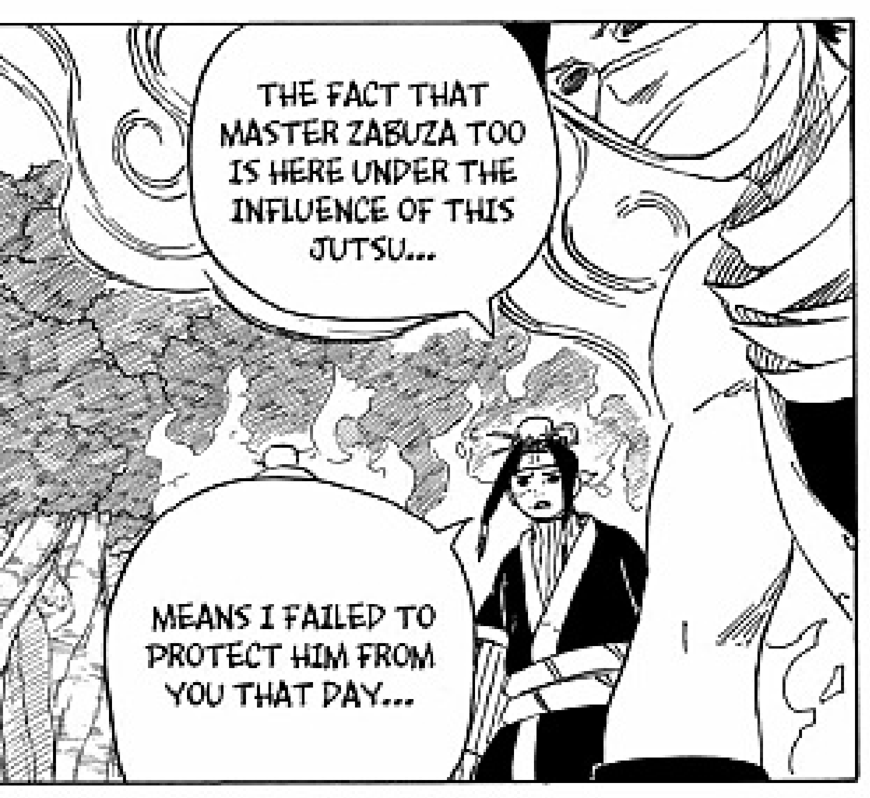




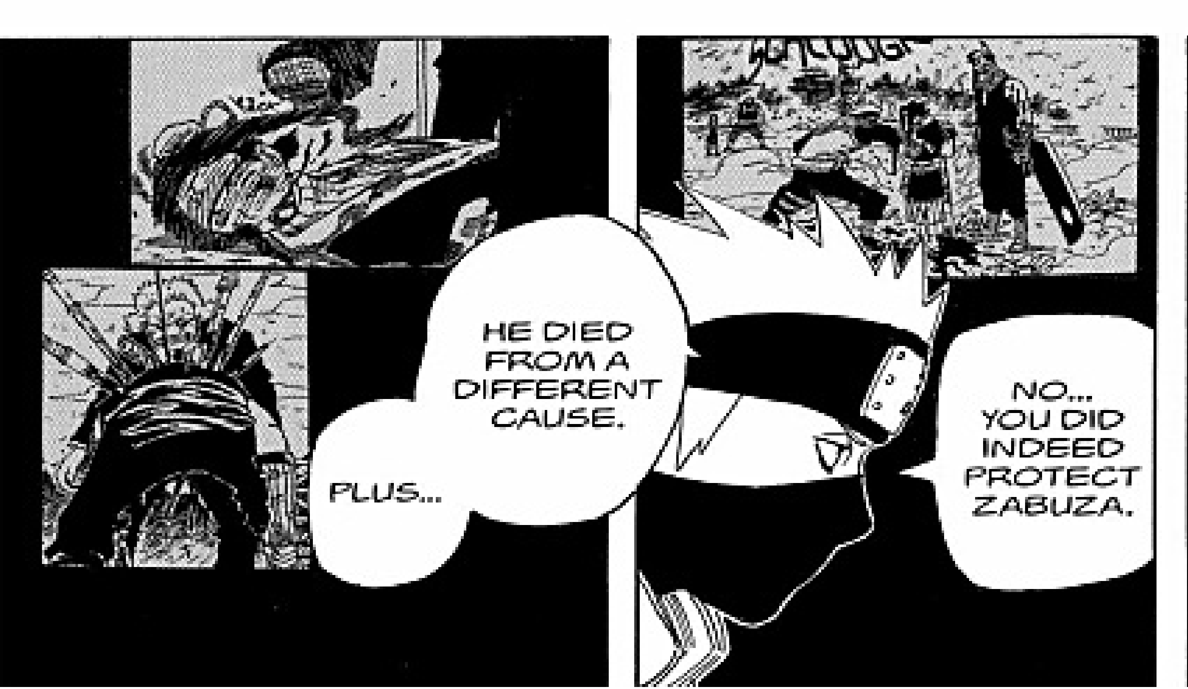

THAT AURA! THE DEMON ZABUZA!
ANOTHER ICE STYLE NINJA!
PREPARE YOUR-SELVES!
DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN, GUY! HE IS UNPARAL-LELED AT SILENT KILLING!


MISTER KAKASHI, I BEG OF YOU!
YOU MUST STOP US AGAIN!


MY DREAM WAS TO DIE...
...AN INSTRUMENT OF MASTER ZABUZA!


THE FACT THAT MASTER ZABUZA TOO IS HERE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THIS JUTSU...
MEANS I FAILED TO PROTECT HIM FROM YOU THAT DAY...


AND NOW NOT ONLY CAN I NOT PROTECT MASTER ZABUZA...
I CANNOT EVEN DO HIS BIDDING!


NO... YOU DID INDEED PROTECT ZABUZA.
HE DIED FROM A DIFFERENT CAUSE.
PLUS...

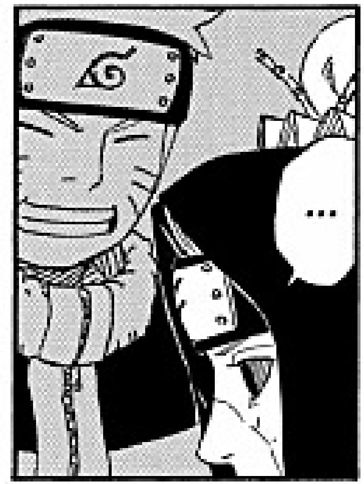
ZABUZA NEVER THOUGHT YOU WERE MERELY A TOOL TO USE FOR HIS DESTRUCTIVE WHIMS.

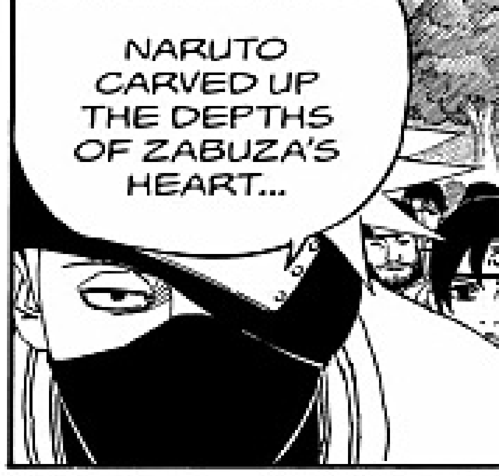













HE GAVE HIS LIFE FOR YOU!!
HE DIED WITHOUT ANY OF HIS DREAMS EVER COMING TRUE. TO DIE AS HIS TOOL, THAT'S TOO MUCH, TOO CRUEL.


KID... NOT...
...ANOTHER WORD...


...


HEH...
IN THE END, WE SHINOBI ARE STILL JUST PEOPLE AFTER ALL, WITH FEELINGS ALL TOO HUMAN.
THAT DAY WAS MY FIRST DEFEAT EVER.
AND I'VE LOST EVERYTHING.


ZABUZA AND HAKU, EH... THEY'RE EXCEPTION-ALLY STUB-BORN.
I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY'RE STILL NOT COMPLETE-LY BOUND.
HEH HEH... BUT NEVER FEAR, I'LL MAKE YOU INTO MERE KILLER PUPPETS IN NO TIME! FOR YOU ARE MY TOOLS!


KAKASHI... DON'T HOLD BACK!
USE WHATEVER MEANS NECESSARY TO STOP ME!


REMEMBER... I AM ALREADY DEAD!


AND I DIED HUMAN!
SQK...
I KNOW.
DRIP
FSH



THANK YOU... MASTER ZABUZA...

VWP VWP

VWP VWP

HERE THEY COME!

CAPTAIN KAKASHI, THAT IWAGAKURE NINJA...

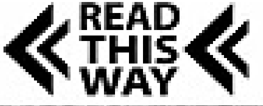
...IS A MASTER OF EXPLOSION STYLE KEKKEI GENKAI!

HIS NAME IS GARI! HE'S LIKE DEIDARA, A FORMER DEMOLITIONS UNIT MEMBER!

AND THAT WOMAN IS PAKURA, A SUNAGAKURE SCORCH STYLE KEKKEI GENKAI MASTER!

PLEASE BE WARY!


ALL KEKKEI GENKAI USERS, HUH?
FWOO
NINPO KIRI-GAKURE JUTSU!
SWOOO
ASSEMBLE BATTLE GROUPS WITH SENSORY TYPE NINJA AT THE CENTER!
THE OTHER MEMBERS COVER 12, 3, 6, AND 9 O'CLOCK POSITIONS, IN STANDARD MANJI FORMATION!
ZABUZA CAN PINPOINT A TARGET'S LOCATION BASED ON SOUND ALONE!
THE MIST IS GETTING THICKER! VISIBILITY IS NEAR ZERO! IT MUST BE THE KIRIGAKURE JUTSU!
DO NOT BE AFRAID, SAKURA!
I SHALL PROTECT YOU EVEN IF I MUST DIE IN THE PROCESS!
LAST TIME, HE ATTACKED US FROM THE ONE BLIND SPOT IN THIS FORMATION, THE CENTER!
SO WATCH YOUR BACK TOO!
SHUP
SHUP


READ THIS WAY

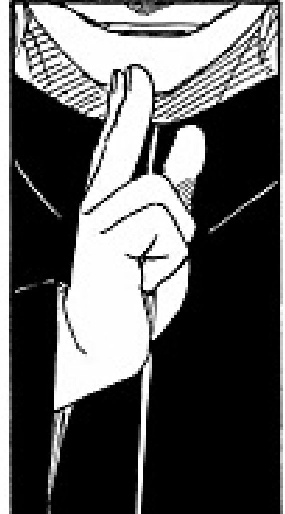

HUH?
OH... O-OKAY!

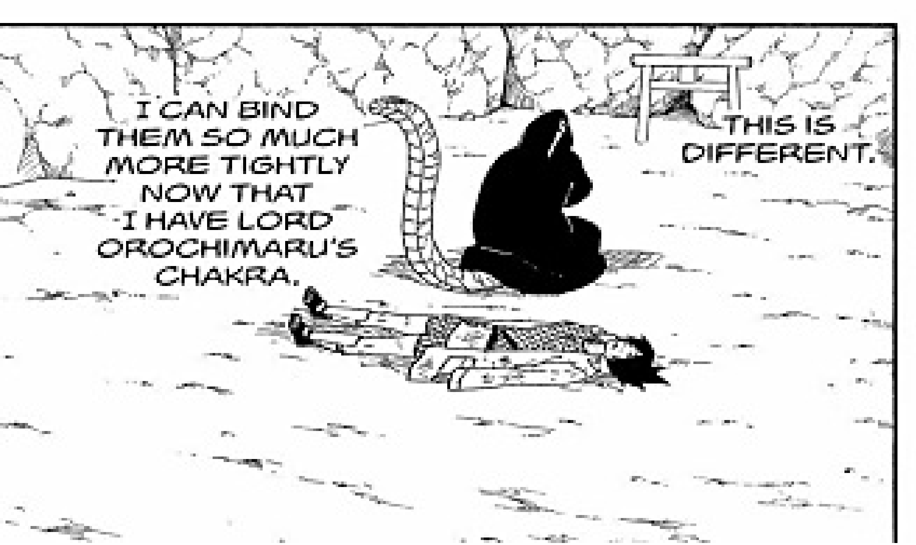

FIRST, MIST. NOW COLD AIR?


SWOOO
FSH

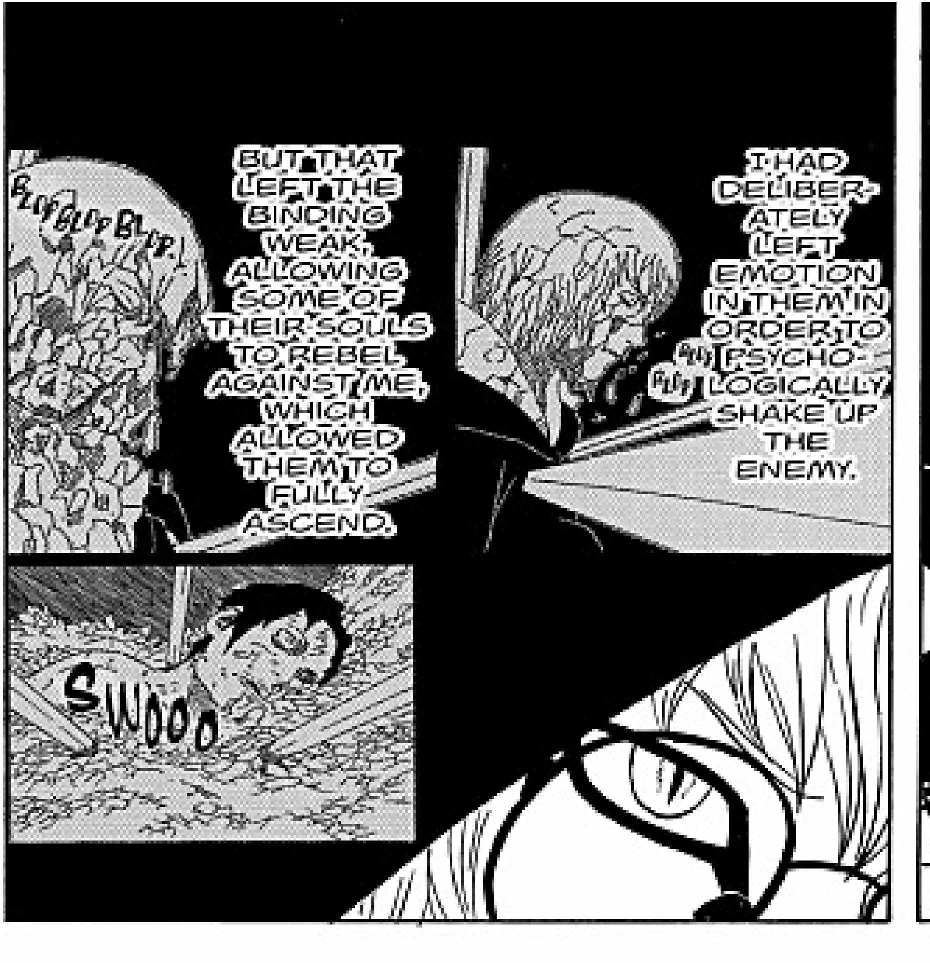
AARGH!!
JA
GAH!


IT'S BEGUN!!




THIS IS DIFFERENT.
I CAN BIND THEM SO MUCH MORE TIGHTLY NOW THAT I HAVE LORD OROCHIMARU'S CHAKRA.





THIS TIME, I WILL COM-PLETELY SUPPRESS THEIR EMOTION!

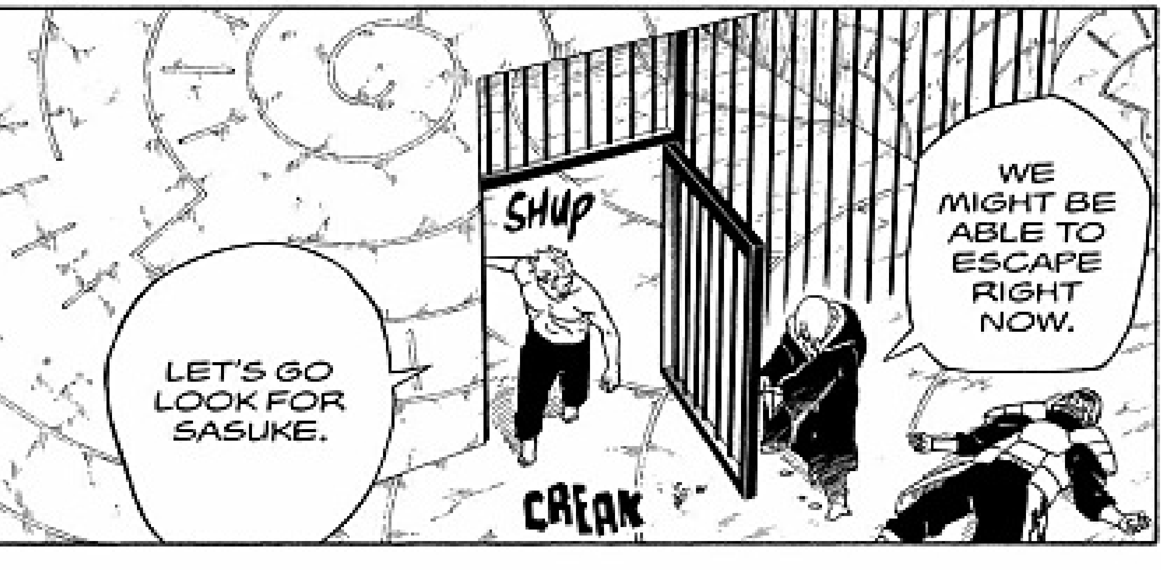
I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY PAWNS I CAN AFFECT. AT LEAST THIS WAR WILL SHOW ME MY LIMITS.

FOR THE REST, I'LL JUST KEEP THE USUAL FOLLOW-ORDERS BINDING IN PLACE AND LEAVE THEM TO THEIR OWN DEVICES.

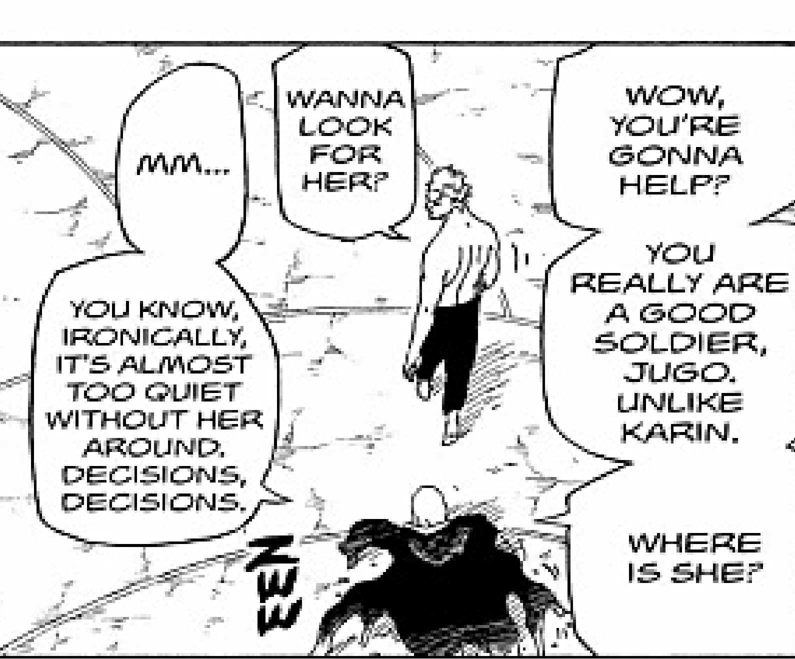
SINCE I THINK IT'LL BE TO MY ADVANTAGE TO LET SOME OF THEM RETAIN EMOTION.











HE'S MUMMI-FIED!!

TAK

HERE SHE COMES!!

FLICKER

FLICKER

FOOOOM


?!
ZWOP
ZWOP
THK
THK
I'M BURNING! AGH!
SCORCH STYLE! SUPER STEAM KILL!!
THUD
TMP

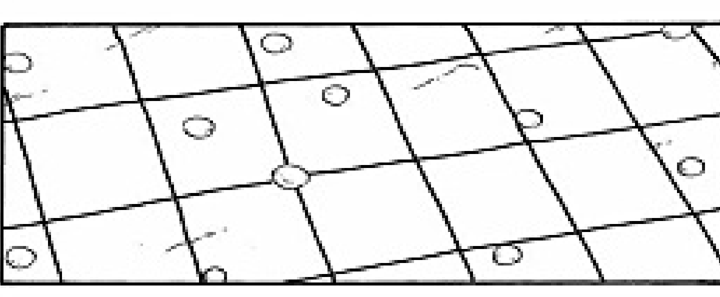


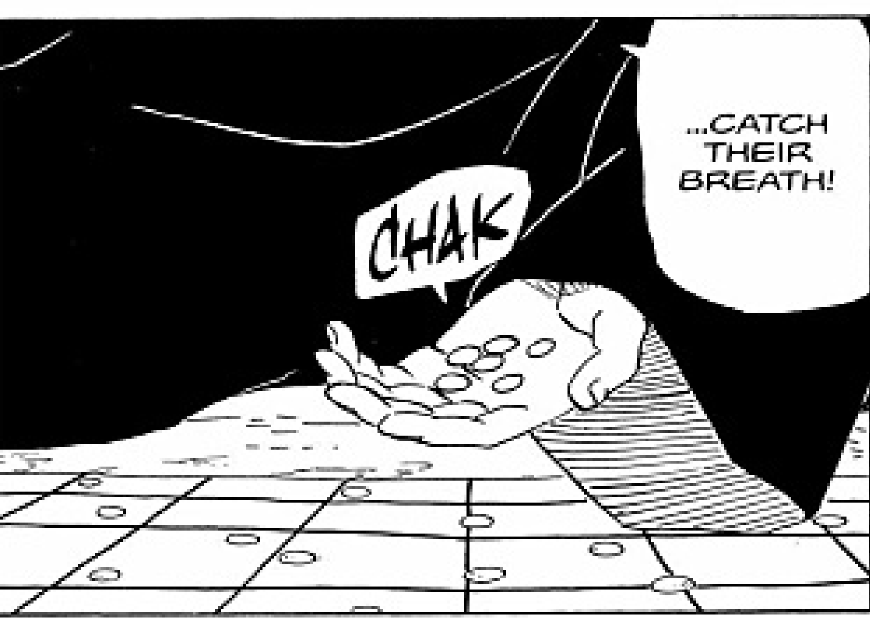
EXPLOSION STYLE! LAND MINE FIST!!
BLAM
AARGH !!
NO! TAJIKI BLEW UP!
MON-STER!!


THWAK
KONOHA HURRICANE WHIRL-WINDS!!
!!
MASTER GUY!
COMRADES WILL DIE ON THE BATTLE-FIELD!
YOU'VE GOT TO PREPARE YOURSELF FOR THAT FACT!
DON'T ALLOW THEIR DEATHS TO HAVE BEEN IN VAIN! GOT THAT, NEWBIE?!!
SCREECH...
IF YOU LOSE FOCUS, YOU'LL CAUSE EVEN MORE TO DIE!

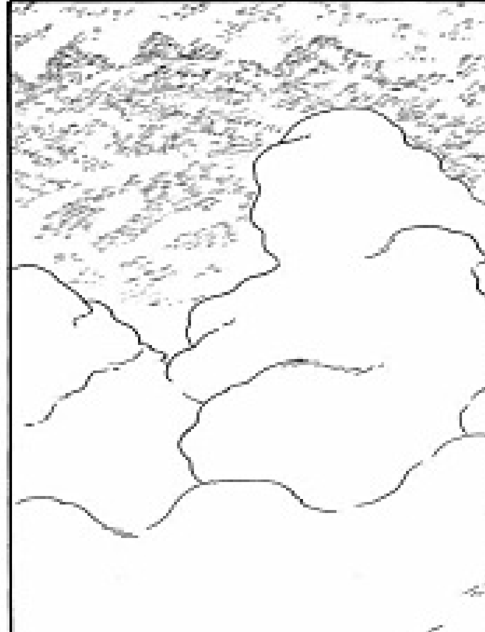

VZZZZ


UNH...
I UNDER-STAND THE ENEMY'S STRATEGY AND PLAN!
NOW IT'S MY TURN!




...CATCH THEIR BREATH!
CHAK


HEH HEH... I AM NOT SO NAÏVE AS TO LET MY OPPONENT...




BAM
KUCHIYOSE SUMMON-ING!!

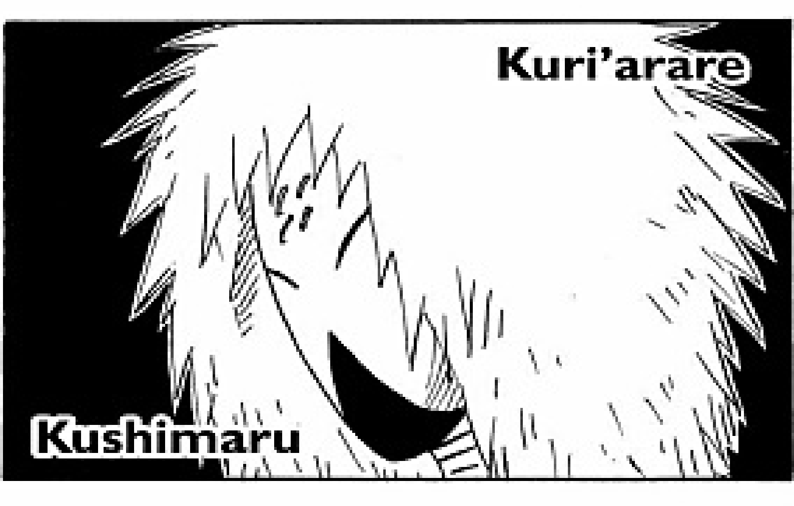

THIS IS UNBELIEVABLE.
FOOSH
!!
TH- THOSE ARE...
KLAK

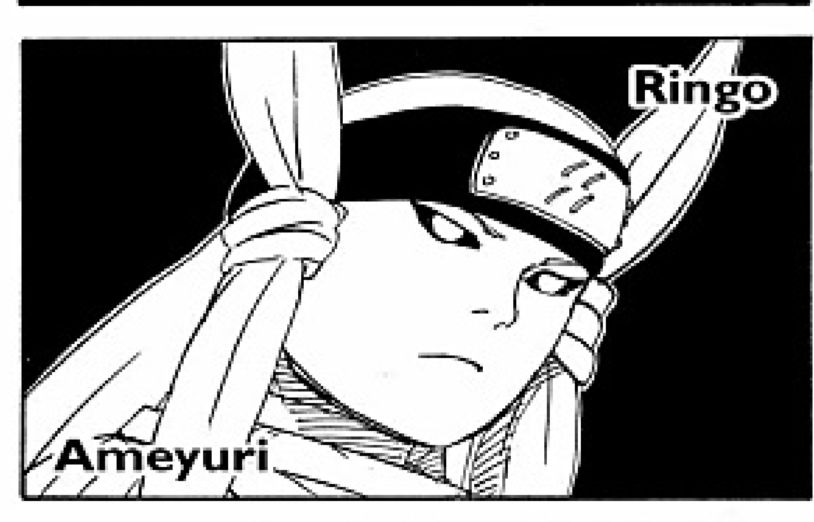

KLOP
KLOP
G-G-G-G-G-G
...PAST MEMBERS OF THE SEVEN NINJA SWORDSMEN OF THE MIST!!!

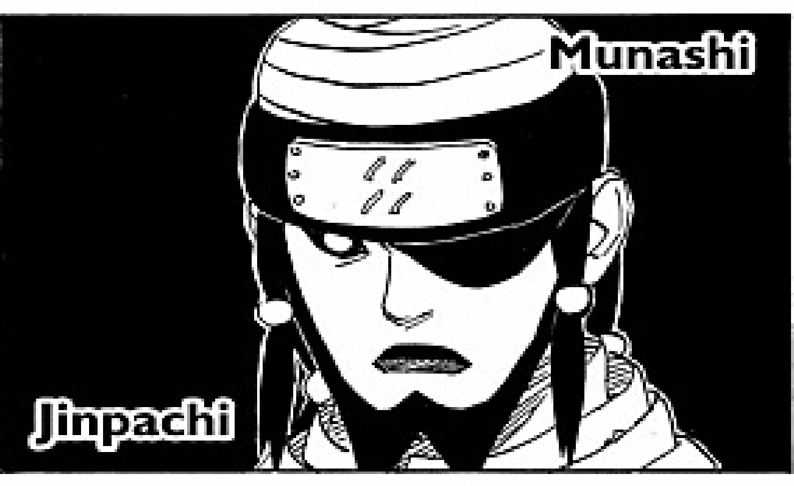

NARUTO

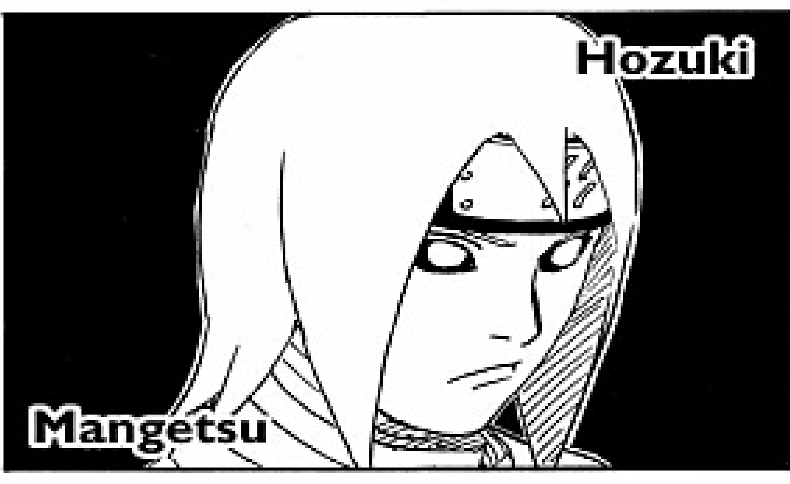
Number 523: The Legendary Seven Swordsmen of the Mist!!







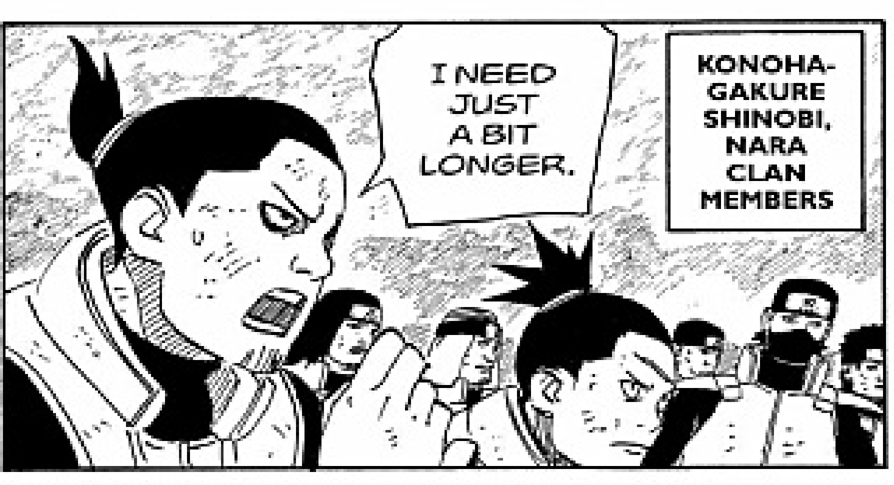








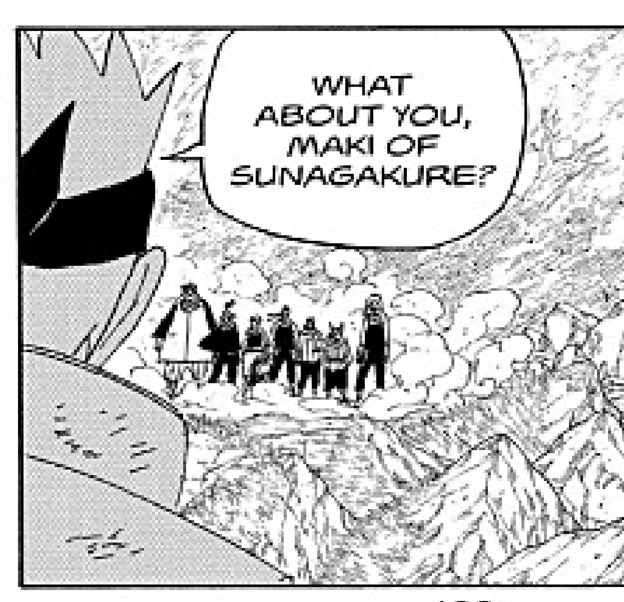
TA-DA-A
WHOOSH
THE SEVEN SWORDSMEN, EH?













EVERYONE, ATTACK TOGETHER!!

BUY ME SOME TIME!!

TAK TAK TAK TAK

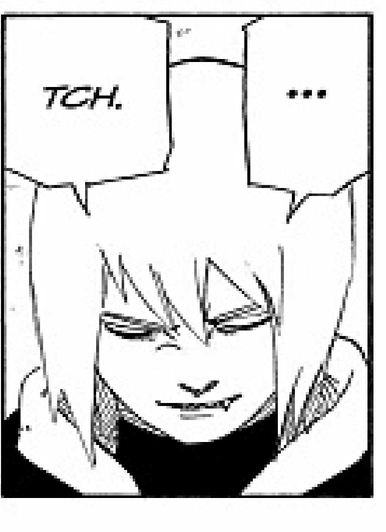
VWOOSH

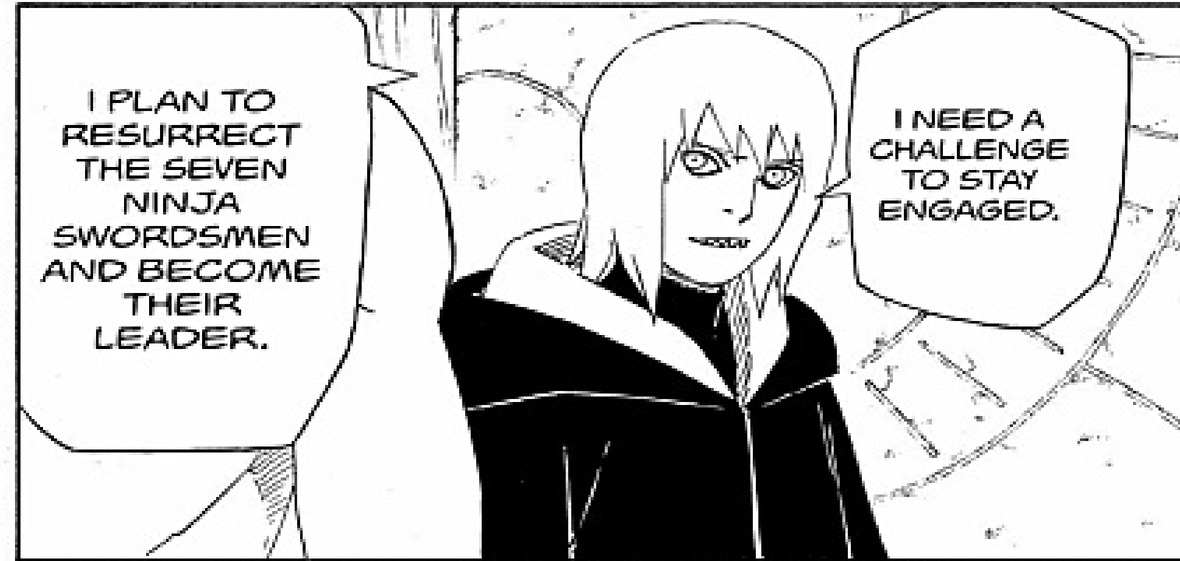
THK

IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT'S HERE, EITHER.
YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO COLLECT THE LOST MIST BLADES.
WHY SO OBSESSED?

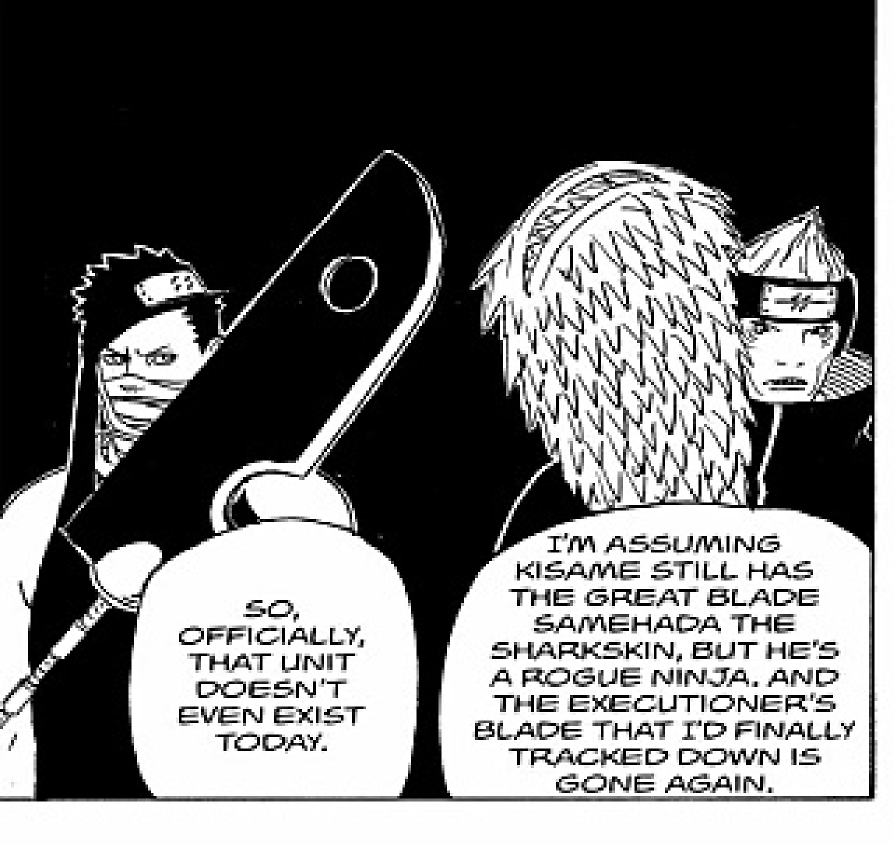


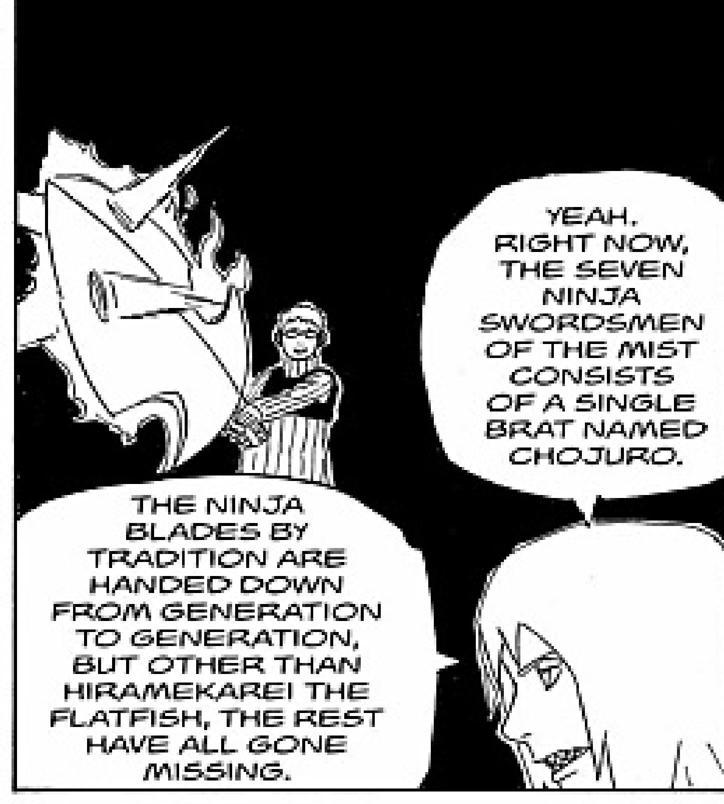




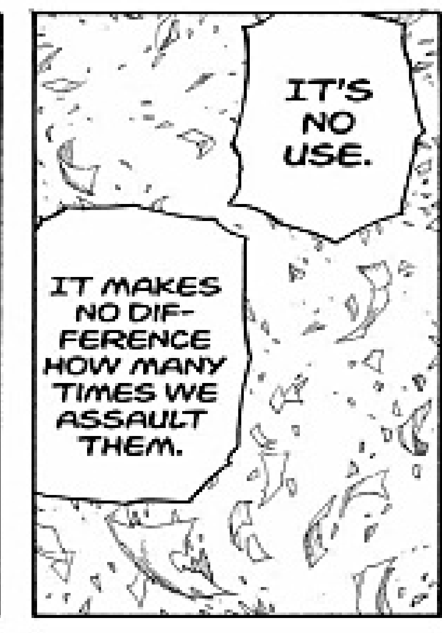





SO, OFFICIALLY, THAT UNIT DOESN'T EVEN EXIST TODAY.
I'M ASSUMING KISAME STILL HAS THE GREAT BLADE SAMEHADA THE SHARKSKIN, BUT HE'S A ROGUE NINJA, AND THE EXECUTIONER'S BLADE THAT I'D FINALLY TRACKED DOWN IS GONE AGAIN.


THE NINJA BLADES BY TRADITION ARE HANDED DOWN FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION, BUT OTHER THAN HIRAMEKAREI THE FLATFISH, THE REST HAVE ALL GONE MISSING.
YEAH. RIGHT NOW, THE SEVEN NINJA SWORDSMEN OF THE MIST CONSISTS OF A SINGLE BRAT NAMED CHOJURO.


SHWOOOOOO

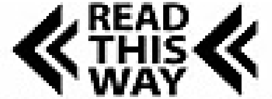

IT'S NO USE.
IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE HOW MANY TIMES WE ASSAULT THEM.


NOPE. LOOKS LIKE THEY BROUGHT THEIR BLADES, ALL RIGHT.


OTHER THAN ZABUZA, NONE OF THEM HAVE THEIR WEAPONS. THEY'RE ALL AT HALF STRENGTH.
QUIT WORRYING SO MUCH!
THE EDOTENSEI JUTSU CAN BE STOPPED EITHER BY SEALING AWAY THE SOUL OR IMMOBILIZING THE HOST BODY.


THE LONGER THIS DRAGS ON, THE GREATER OUR DISADVANTAGE!
WHAT'RE WE GONNA DO AGAINST THE SEVEN NINJA SWORDSMEN?


FSSSH...
断 大 長 鈍 爆 雷 双
BOOF BOOF
TAK

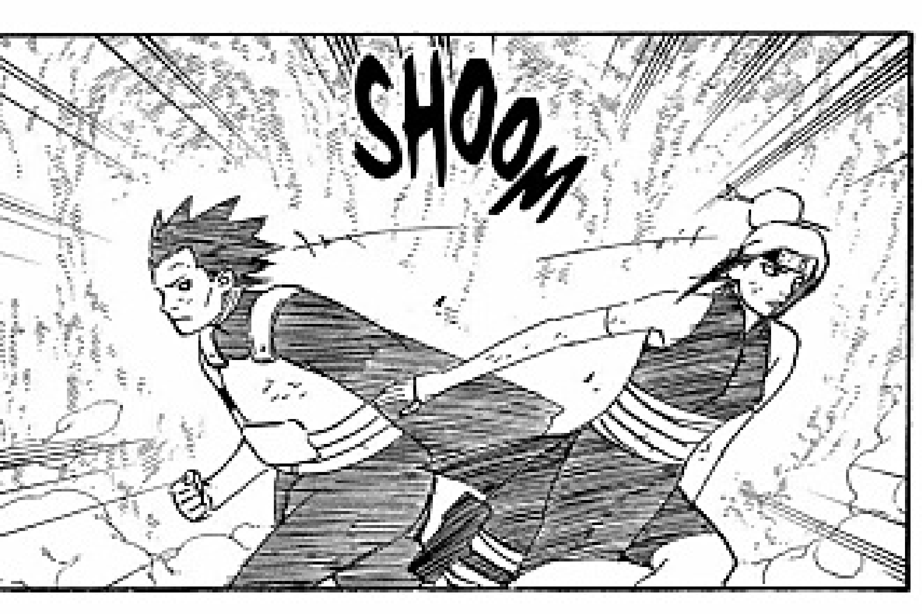

READ THIS WAY


BUT THEY'RE NOT AT FULL POWER!
SWOOO...

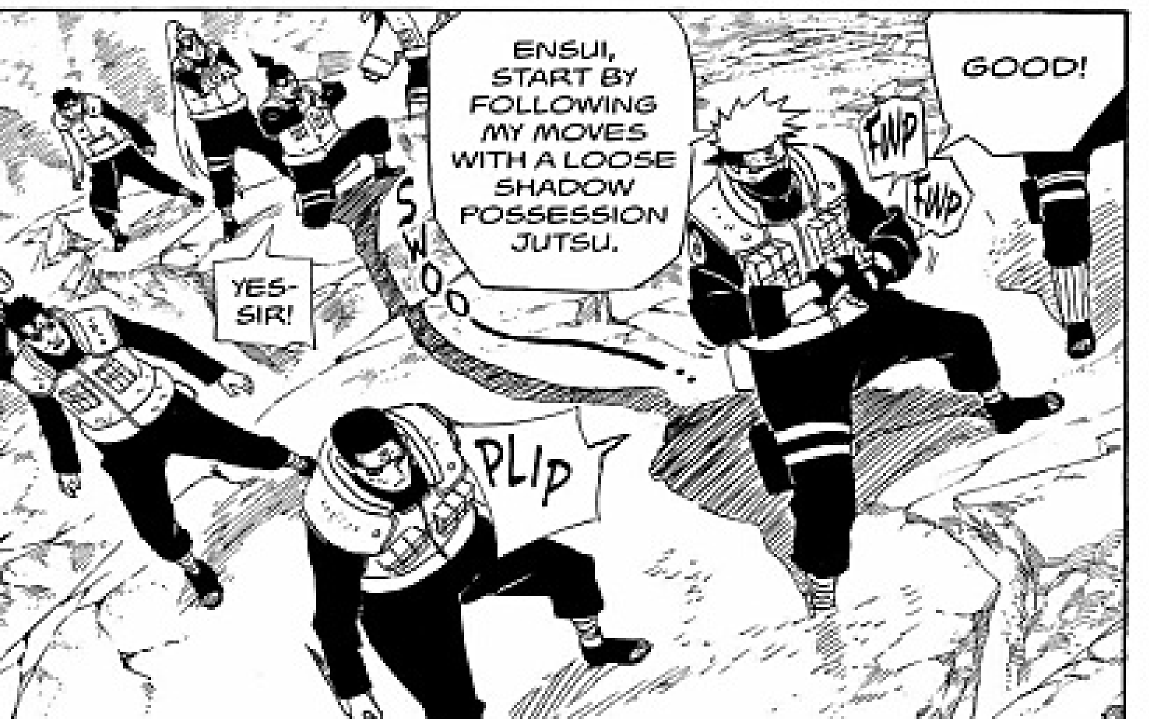

THE MIST'S THICKER. VISIBILITY GONE.
THIS IS A SILENT KILL. DON'T TRUST YOUR EARS!
WE CAN'T FIGHT IN THIS MIST. WE'LL END UP KILLING EACH OTHER.

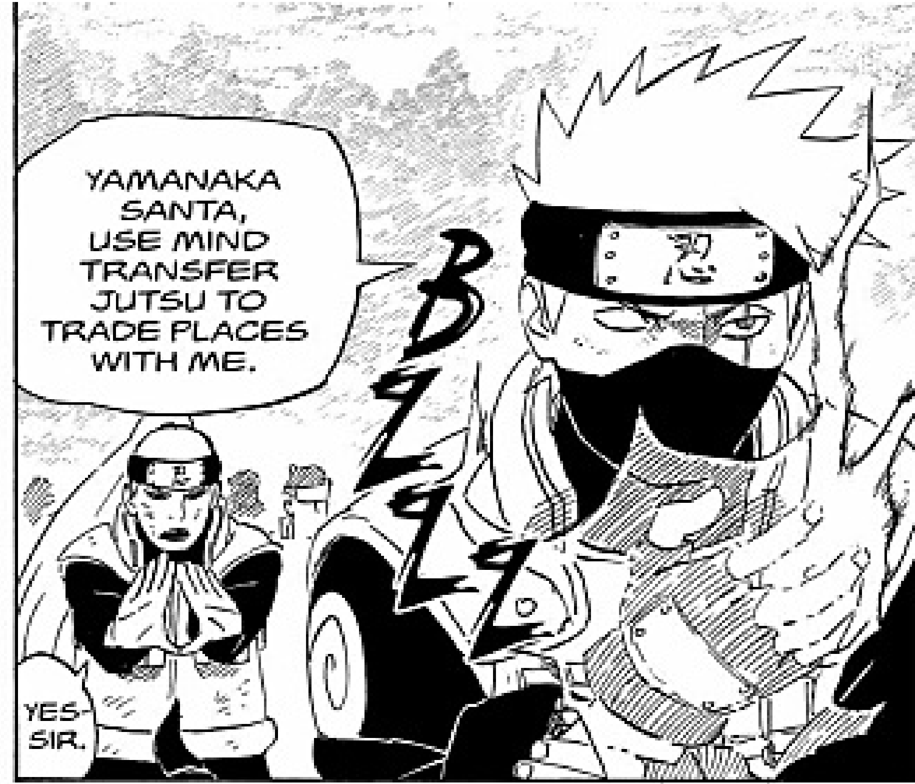

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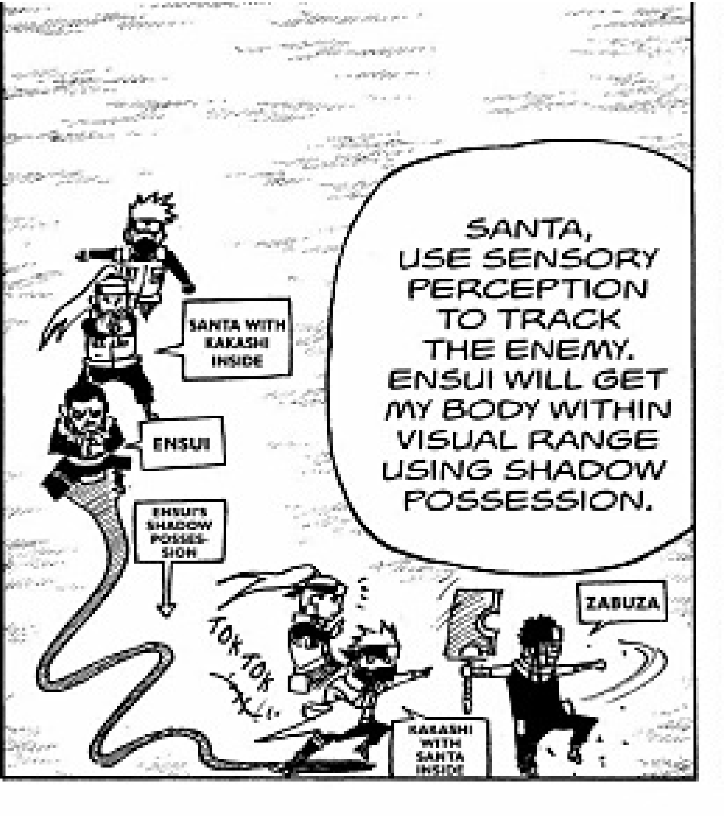

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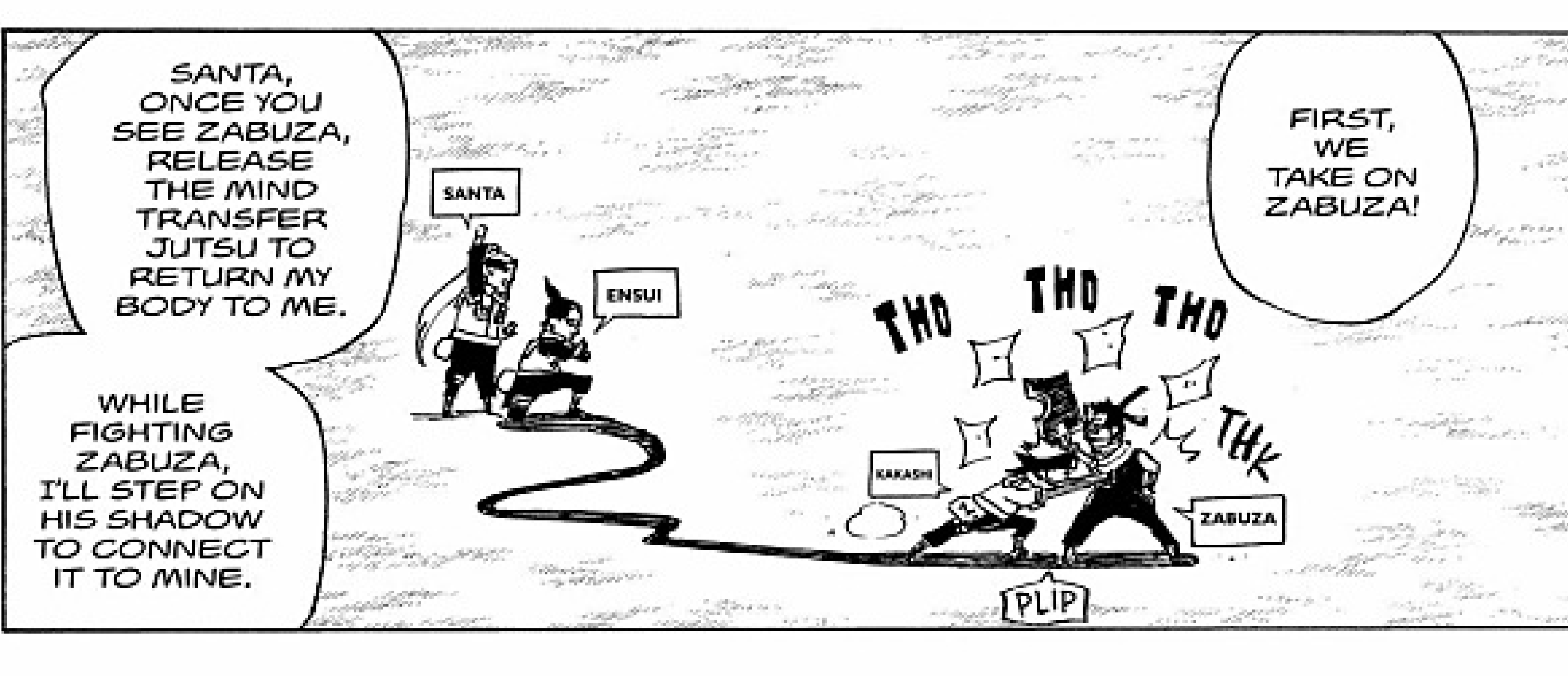

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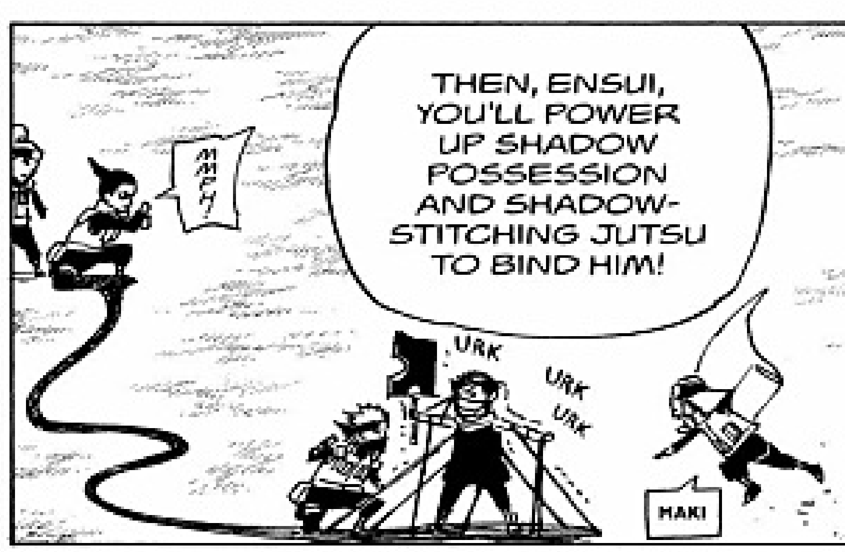

CAPTAIN KAKASHI!
I'M READY TO LAUNCH SHADOW POSSESSION AND SHADOW PARALYSIS JUTSU!!

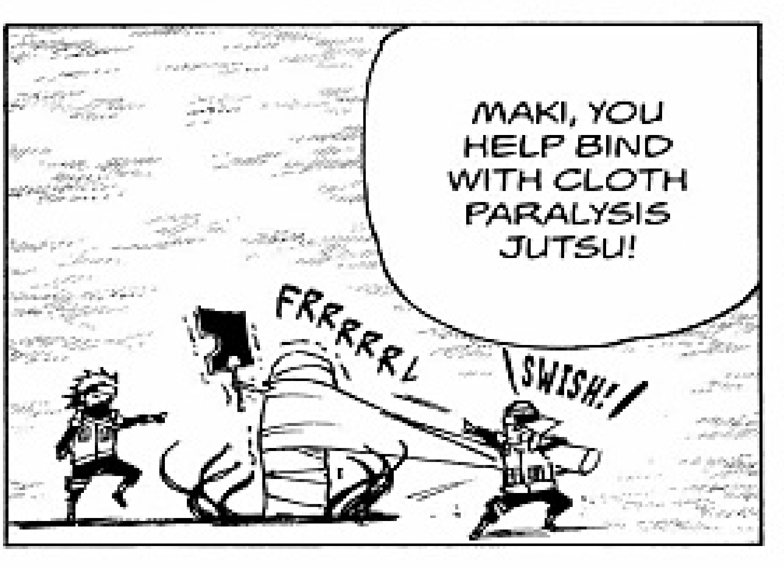

GOOD!
FWIP
FWIP
ENSUI, START BY FOLLOWING MY MOVES WITH A LOOSE SHADOW POSSESSION JUTSU.
SWOO
YES-SIR!
PLIP


YAMANAKA SANTA, USE MIND TRANSFER JUTSU TO TRADE PLACES WITH ME.
YES-SIR.


SANTA, USE SENSORY PERCEPTION TO TRACK THE ENEMY. ENSUI WILL GET MY BODY WITHIN VISUAL RANGE USING SHADOW POSSESSION.
SANTA WITH KAKASHI INSIDE
ENSUI
ENSUI'S SHADOW POSSES-SION
ZABUZA
KAKASHI WITH SANTA INSIDE
TOK TOK

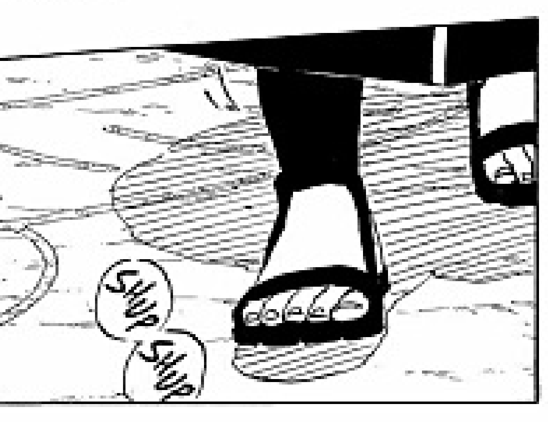

FIRST, WE TAKE ON ZABUZA!
SANTA, ONCE YOU SEE ZABUZA, RELEASE THE MIND TRANSFER JUTSU TO RETURN MY BODY TO ME.
WHILE FIGHTING ZABUZA, I'LL STEP ON HIS SHADOW TO CONNECT IT TO MINE.
SANTA
ENSUI
THD THD THD
THK
KAKASHI
ZABUZA
PLIP

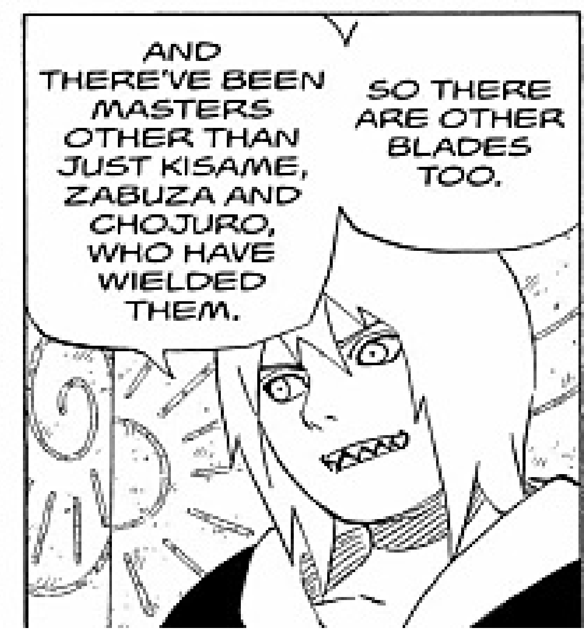

THEN, ENSUI, YOU'LL POWER UP SHADOW POSSESSION AND SHADOW-STITCHING JUTSU TO BIND HIM!
MMGH!
URK
URK
URK
MAKI

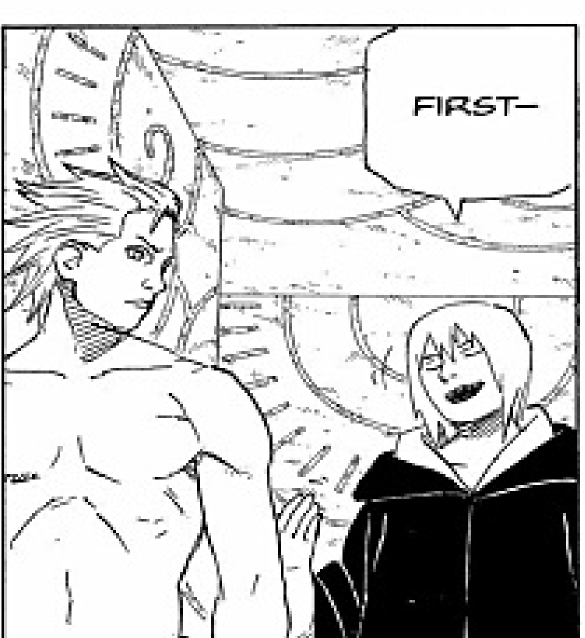

MAKI, YOU HELP BIND WITH CLOTH PARALYSIS JUTSU!
FRRRRRL
SWISH!

TAK
LET'S DO IT!!
ROGER!
MIND TRANSFER JUTSU!!












...IS THE LIGHTNING BLADE, KIBA, THE FANG, AND ITS WIELDER, RINGO AMEYURI!
BZZZZ
BZZZZ
THD
KA
NEXT, SMASHING THROUGH ALL DEFENSES...
WHOOSH

...IS THE BLUNT BLADE, KABUTOWARI, THE HELMET-SPLITTER, AND ITS WIELDER AKEBINO JININ!

UGH!!

ARGH!!

THK-THK-THK-THD

WOOSH

SKOOSH

STABBING AND PIERCING ALL THINGS...

...AND SEWING THEM TOGETHER ...

WOOSH

CHAK



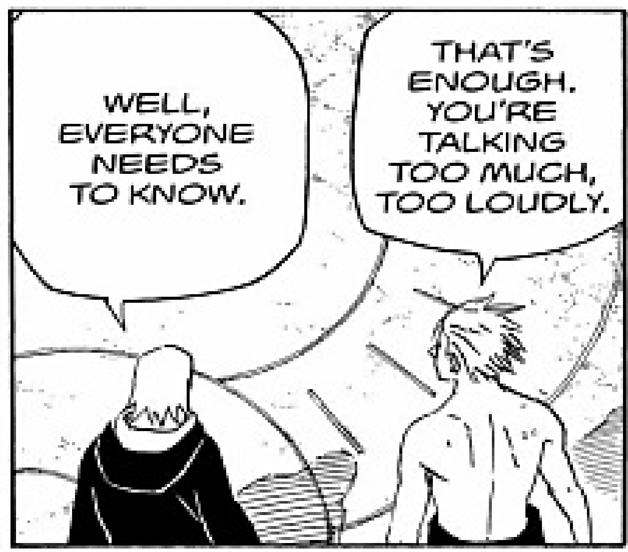
...IS THE LONG SWORD, NUIBARI, THE SEWING NEEDLE, AND ITS WIELDER KURI'ARARE KUSHIMARU!
TWANG
AAAARGH!!
ADDING THE POWER OF EXPLOSION TO SWORDS-MANSHIP—
ZAM
KLAK
!!
KLANG

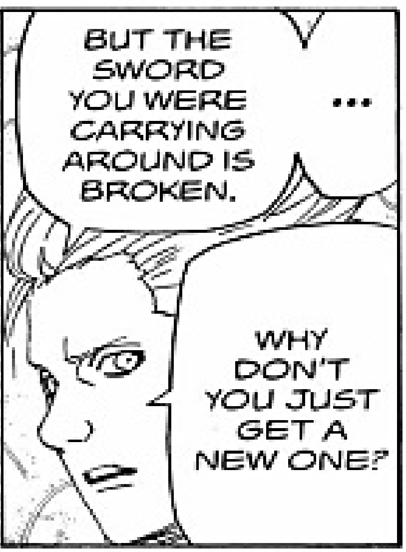


BOOF
THE EXPLOSIVE BLADE, SHIBUKI, THE SPATTER, AND ITS WIELDER MUNASHI JINPACHI!
AARGH!
NEXT, JUST LIKE HOSHIGAKI KISAME, A PREVIOUS WIELDER OF THE GREAT BLADE SAMEHADA, THE SHARKSKIN...
SUIKAZAN FUGUKI!

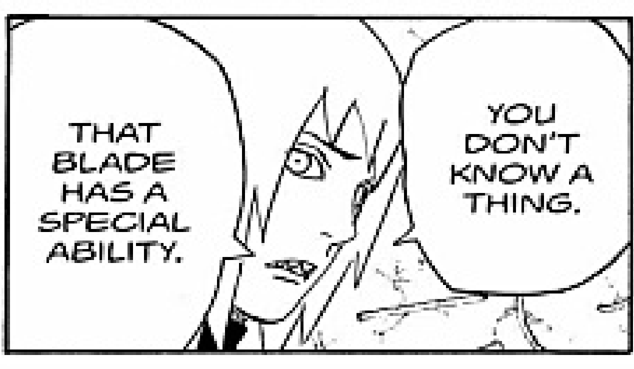
AND HE WHO COULD HANDLE ALL SEVEN BLADES, THE MAN WHO'D BEEN CALLED THE SECOND COMING OF THE DEMON, MY OLDER BROTHER...
HOZUKI MANGETSU!

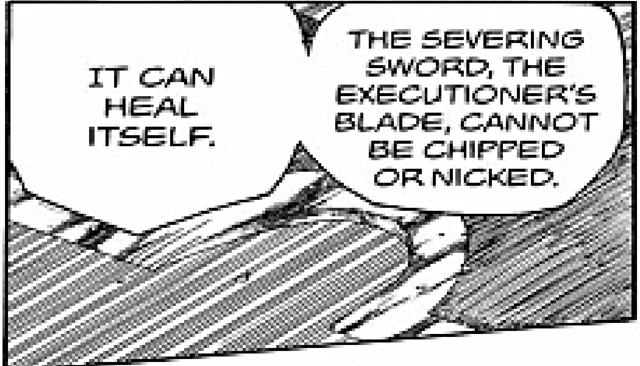

I'M GOING TO BE THE CAPTAIN OF THE NEW-GENERATION SEVEN NINJA SWORDSMEN!

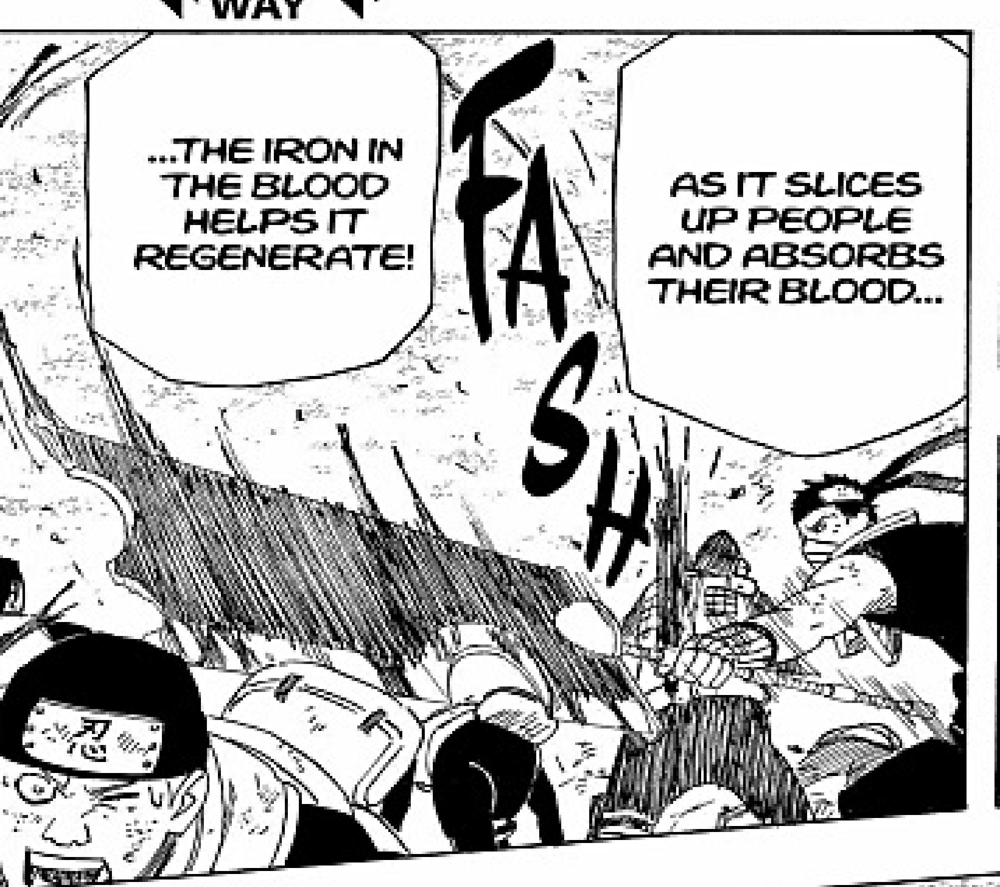

THAT'S ENOUGH. YOU'RE TALKING TOO MUCH, TOO LOUDLY.
WELL, EVERYONE NEEDS TO KNOW.


...
BUT THE SWORD YOU WERE CARRYING AROUND IS BROKEN.
WHY DON'T YOU JUST GET A NEW ONE?


READ THIS WAY


YOU DON'T KNOW A THING.
THAT BLADE HAS A SPECIAL ABILITY.


THE SEVERING SWORD, THE EXECUTIONER'S BLADE, CANNOT BE CHIPPED OR NICKED.
IT CAN HEAL ITSELF.


AS IT SLICES UP PEOPLE AND ABSORBS THEIR BLOOD...
FASH
...THE IRON IN THE BLOOD HELPS IT REGENERATE!


MIND TRANSFER! RELEASE!!


WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU, MASTER KAKASHI!!


NICE! I HAVEN'T BEEN NOTICED AND I'VE MADE THE FIRST MOVE! ALL RIGHT!



THE REST CAN JUST BE SHIELDS.
ZABUZA'S KIRIGAKURE JUTSU KEEPS THEM HIDDEN IN THE MIST. IT'S THE KEYSTONE TO THIS BATTLE OF NUMBERS.
HEH HEH. EVEN THOUGH HE'S JUST A PUPPET NOW, I BET IT'S TURNING OUT TO BE QUITE AN INTERESTING PRODUCTION ON THE BATTLEFIELD.
AND HAKU, WHO PROTECTS ZABUZA AS IF HIS LIFE DEPENDS ON IT.
WHOOSH
B
!!!
CHAK


!!
M
!!

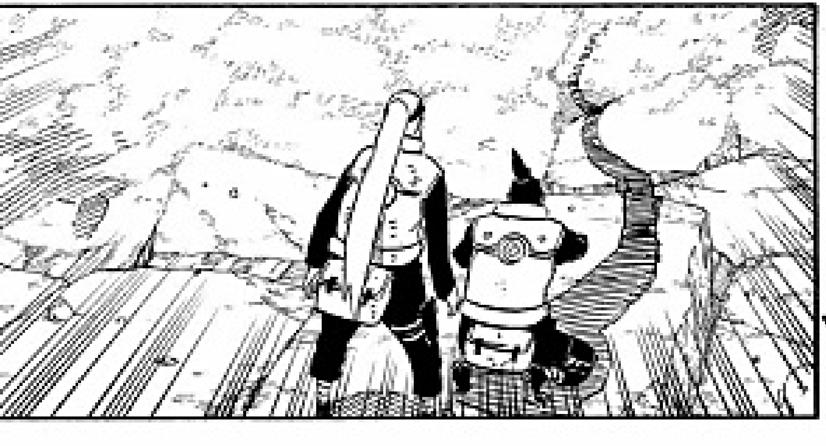

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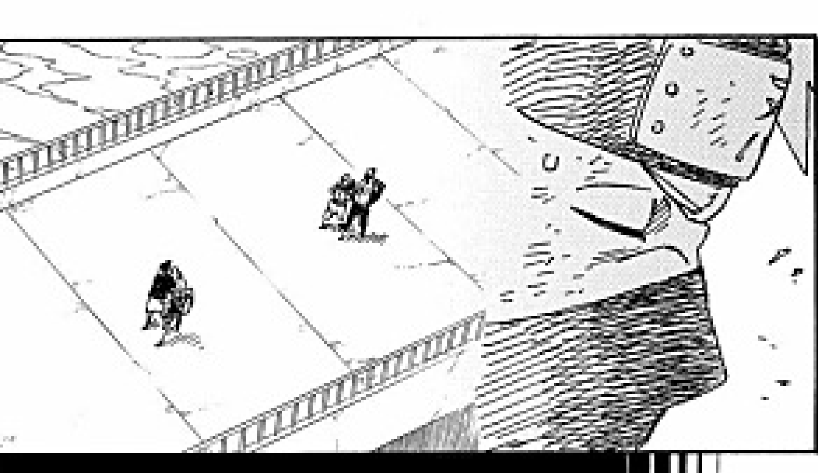

Number 524: That Which Ought to Be Protected
VOOOSH
HE'S GOING TO COME RIGHT THROUGH THE KID TO GET TO ME.
...IS ALREADY...
...DEAD.
KANG
HE'S GOING TO COME RIGHT THROUGH THE KID TO GET TO ME!
WHOOSH
TOK
CAPTAIN KAKASHI!!




READ THIS WAY


I'VE CAPTURED THE SHADOW OF ONE OF THE ENEMY!
BUT THERE'S BEEN TOO LITTLE CONTACT TIME WITH THE SECOND ONE'S SHADOW! I CAN'T FREEZE HIS MOVEMENTS!
BAM!
RUMBLE
AARGH!!
CONTACT TIME?! YOU MEAN CAPTAIN KAKASHI GETTING SLASHED BY ZABUZA?! OF COURSE THAT'S TOO SHORT!






I WANNA GO ON ANOTHER A-RANK MISSION!
OH, NO, NO WAY!
I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE WE ALL MADE IT THROUGH SAFE AND SOUND AGAINST SUCH POWERFUL ENEMIES AS ZABUZA AND HAKU!

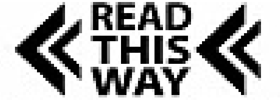

AWWW.
WUMP
DON'T WORRY, YOU'LL GET TO A-RANK EVENTUALLY, AFTER YOU LEARN MORE JUTSU AND GET STRONGER.


HMM.


FINE.
BUT THAT MEANS I GOTTA FIND MORE THINGS TO PROTECT!
HUH?

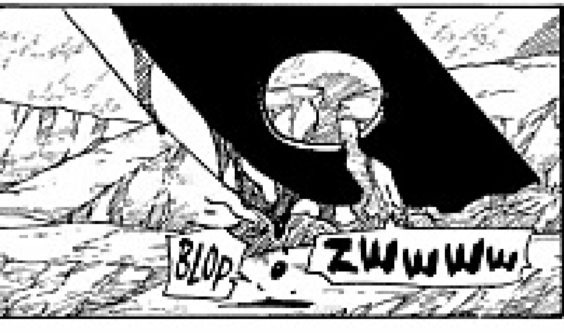


HAKU SAID.
WHEN PEOPLE ARE PROTECTING SOMETHING TRULY PRECIOUS TO THEM, THEY CAN TRULY BECOME STRONGER!
...
I SEE.
YOU AGREE WITH HIM?
YEAH.
ESPECIALLY AFTER WATCHING HAKU WITH ZABUZA. I THINK HE'S RIGHT.
HEY, HEY. YA KNOW, MASTER KAKASHI.
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
ABOUT WHAT?











I'M GLAD YOU WERE NARUTO'S FIRST ADVERSARIES.

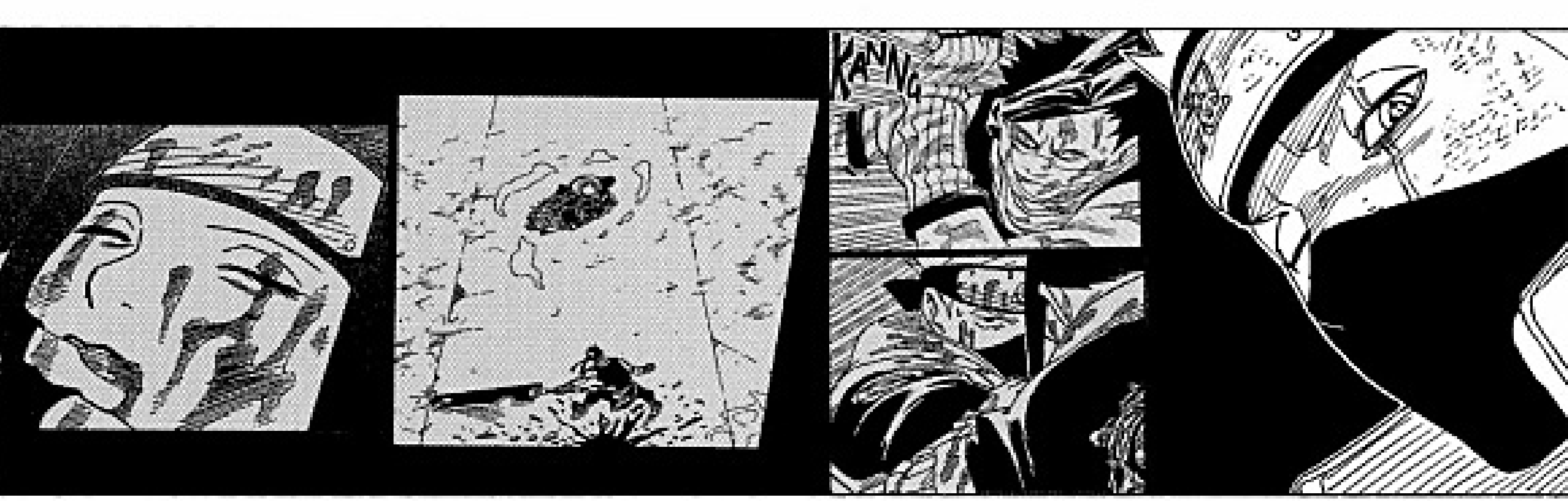


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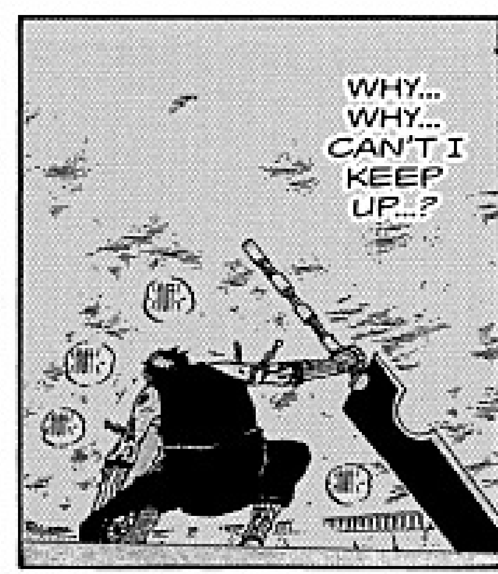
MAKI, UNTIL I GIVE THE SIGNAL, STAY BEHIND ME. GET THE CLOTH PARALYSIS JUTSU READY TO GO!















SHOOM

BUT THINGS ARE DIFFERENT TODAY!

YOU'RE JUST AN EMOTION-LESS TOOL OF EVIL.

SSSSSS

BLOP BLOP

BDMMMMMM

SO! LET'S JUST GET THIS SENSELESS FIGHT OVER WITH!


HEY, HEY. YA KNOW, MASTER KAKASHI.
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
ABOUT WHAT?
YOU SEE...
THEY WERE ENEMIES. BUT YA KNOW...
I KINDA LIKED THEM.
...!
IS THAT WEIRD?
HO HO.
PFT
PFT
PF
THK

NAH. I FEEL THE SAME WAY.

TNK



WAAH!! BANG WAAH!! KLANG

ENSUI! BIND HIM!!

THAT'S MY SIGNAL!!

ALL RIGHT!

GUUNG

HAH!!

VNNN NNG

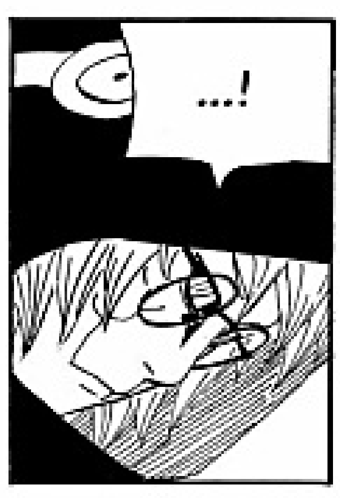


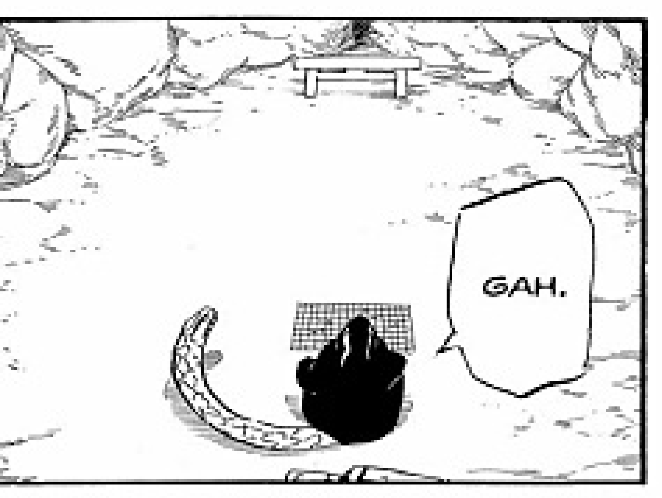




THEY DEMON-STRATED YOUR BOND TO EACH OTHER.





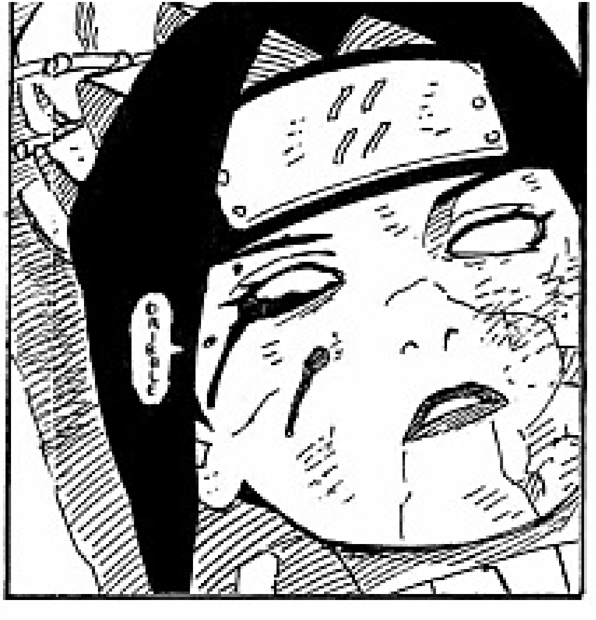


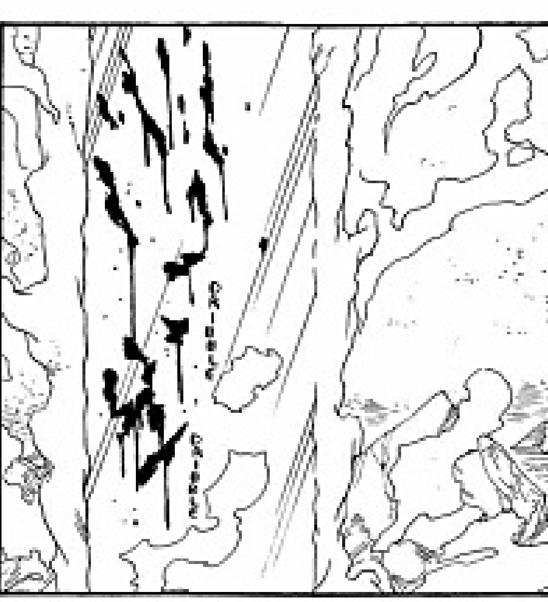
I NEED TO PROTECT THE MANNER OF DEATH FOR ZABUZA AND HAKU!

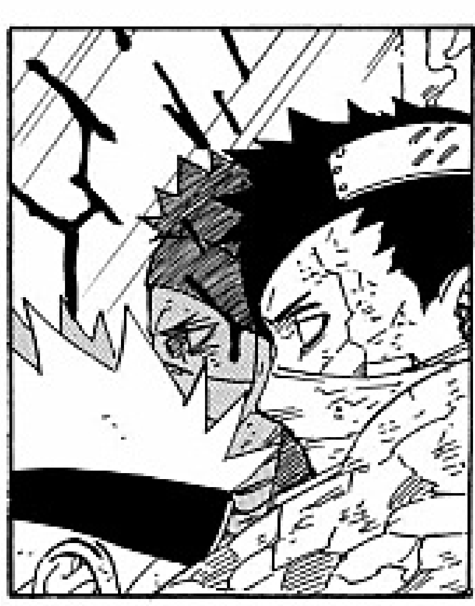
ESPECIALLY SINCE I WAS... AND AM AGAIN THEIR FINAL ENEMY. WHAT DO YOU THINK, NARUTO?


DRIP DRIP

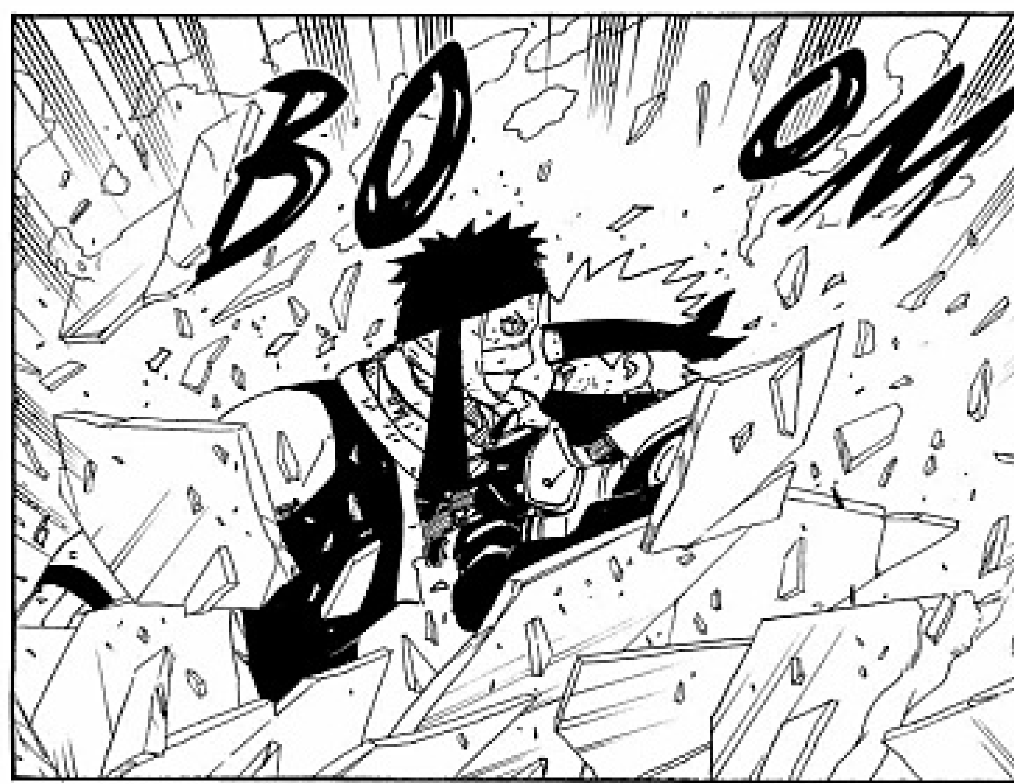



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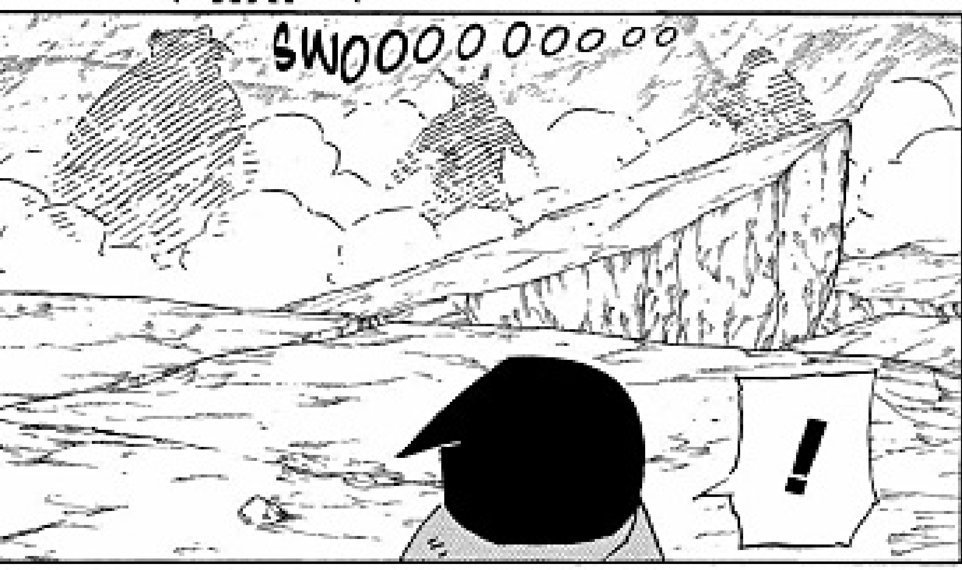

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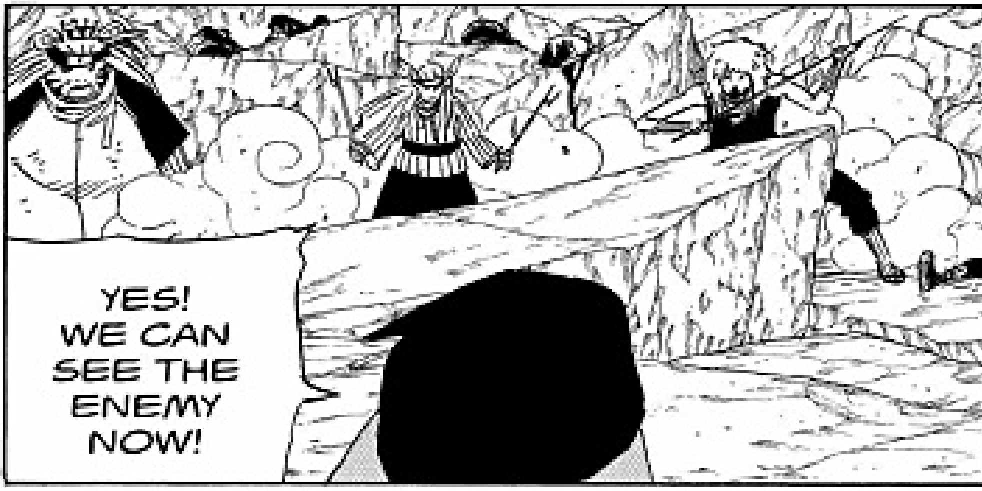

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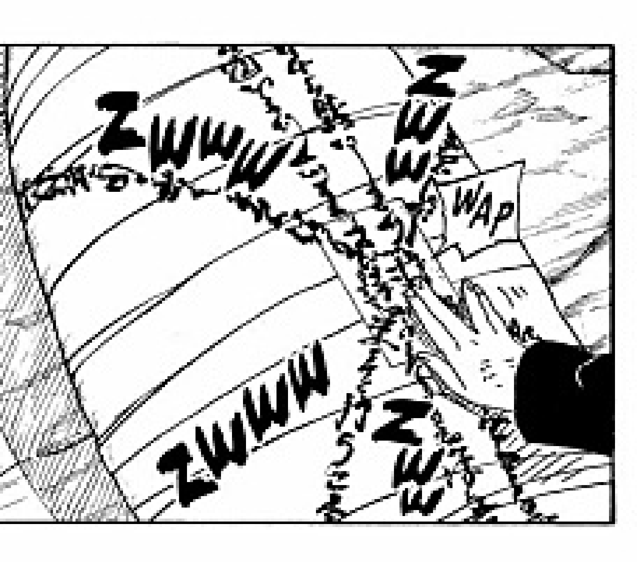

DO IT, MAKI.
YES-SIR!!
WAP


READ THIS WAY


LOOK!!
THE MIST IS LIFTING...
HUF
HUF


SWOOOOOOOOO
!


YES! WE CAN SEE THE ENEMY NOW!


ZWWW
WAP
ZWWW


IF TAGS REMAIN INTACT, THEY CANNOT BE SUMMONED!
AND I SHALL WATCH OVER THESE TWO PERSON-ALLY!

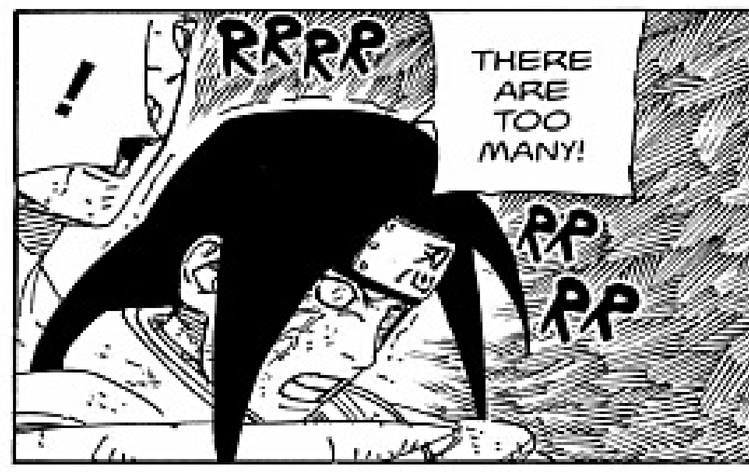

EDOTENSEI REALLY IS UN-FORGIVEABLE! SAI, NEXT I'M GOING TO USE THE SEALING JUTSU THE FOUNDATION USED ON YOU! FOLLOW ME!
KLAK
B-BUT I STILL DON'T REALLY KNOW...
DANZO VALUED YOU HIGHLY, DIDN'T HE?! YOU DON'T NEED TO SUPPRESS YOUR EMOTIONS ANYMORE!!
BOOF

IT TAKES A LOT FOR ME TO LOSE MY TEMPER TOO.

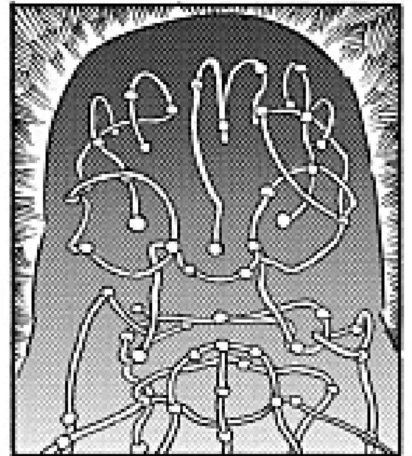
BUT I'M AT MY BOILING POINT.

I AM KAKASHI THE MIRROR NINJA! I'VE COPIED 1,000 JUTSU! WATCH ME LIVE UP TO MY NICKNAME!

WHAM!!

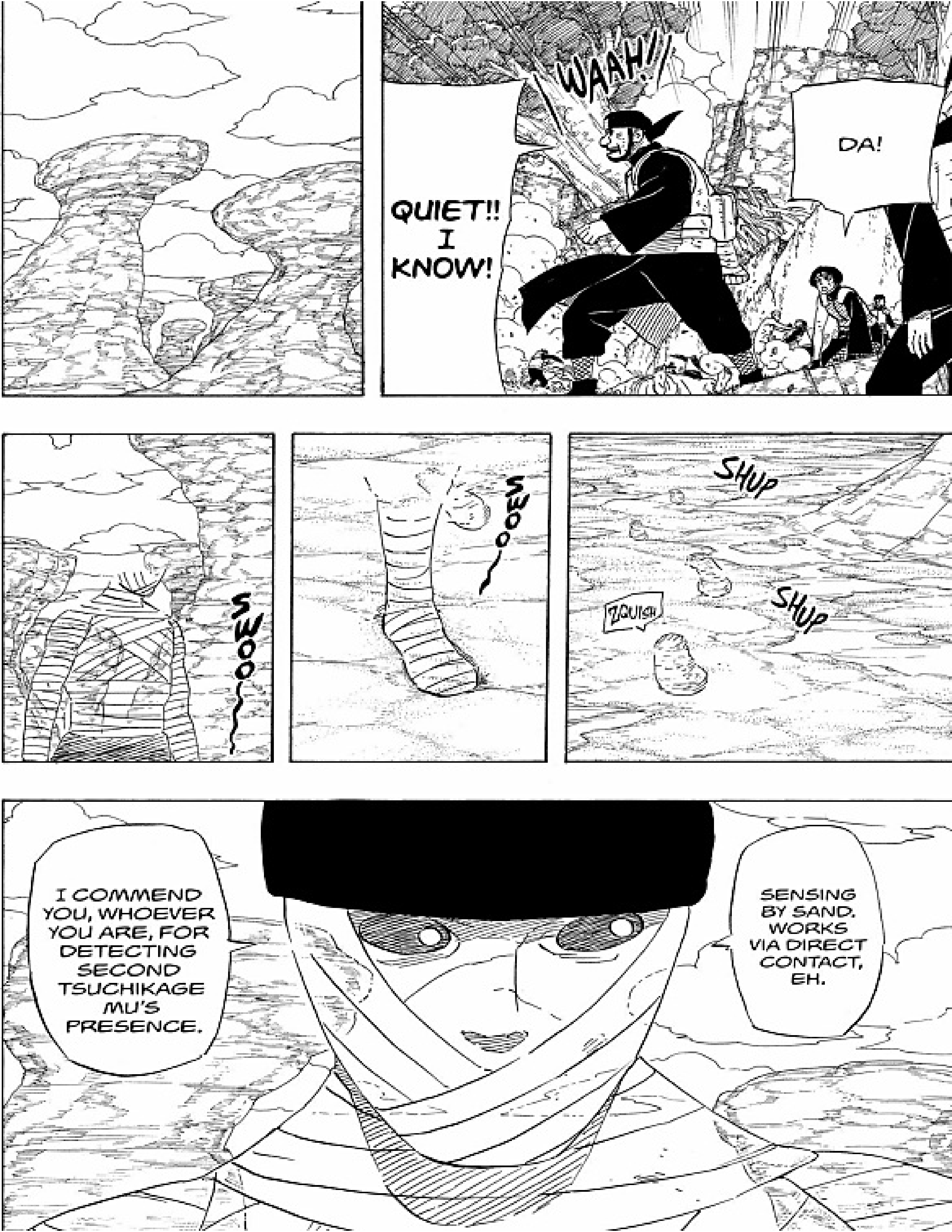








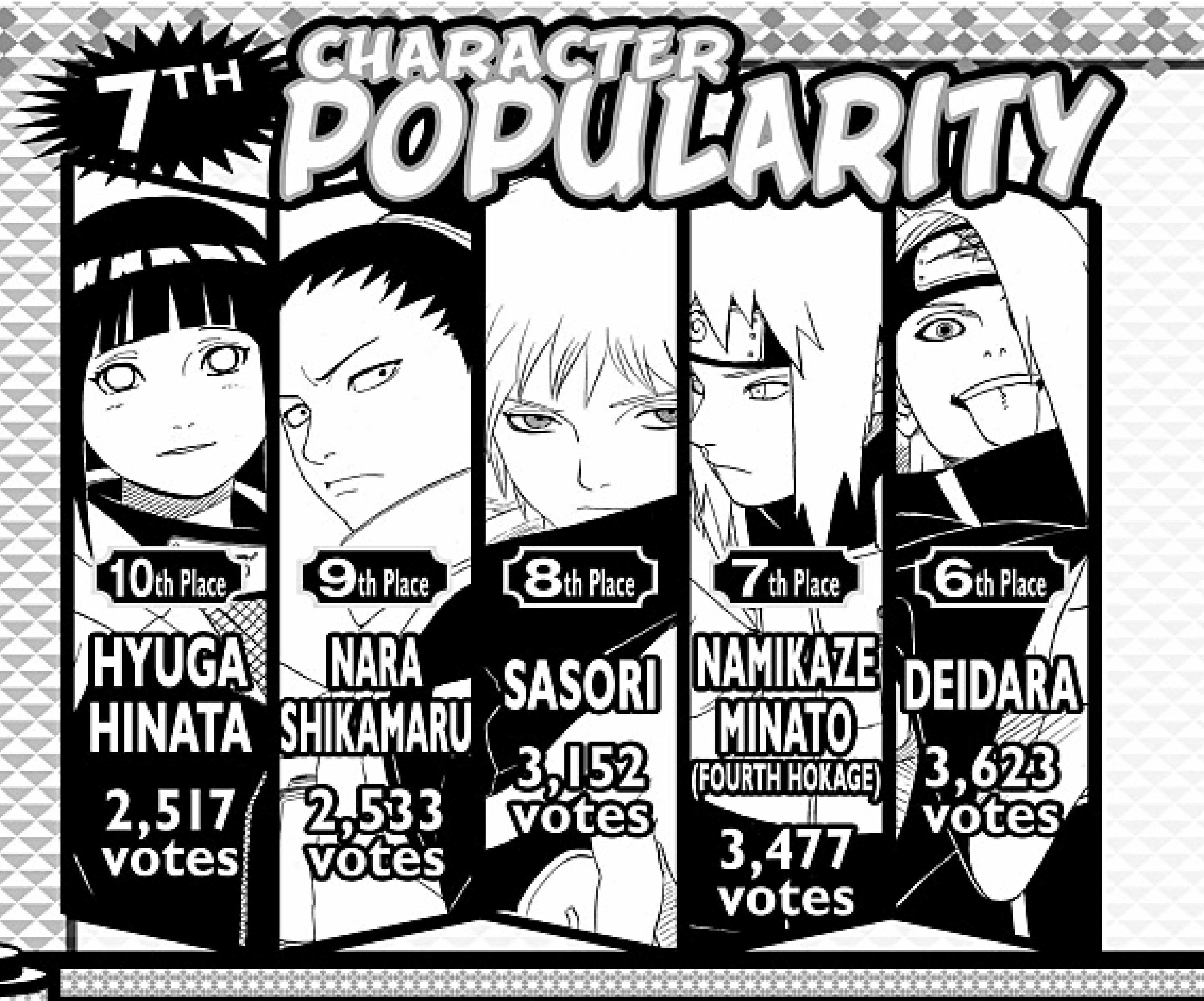
GENTLE FIST TECHNIQUE! BODY BLOW!!!
BOOM
TOK
THWAK
THUD
BAM BAM BAM BAM BAM BAM
THERE'S NO END TO THEM!
QUIT WHINING AND JUST MOVE!
SHUP
THEY'RE TOO STRONG!
IT'S ATTRITION WARFARE.
CAPTAIN KITSUCHI! A MESSAGE FROM HQ!
SEVERAL THOUSAND SOLDIERS HAVE APPARENTLY GOTTEN PAST US!
TMP


WAAH!!
DA!
QUIET!! I KNOW!
SHUP
SHUP
ZQUISH
SWOO~
SWOO~
SENSING BY SAND. WORKS VIA DIRECT CONTACT, EH.
I COMMEND YOU, WHOEVER YOU ARE, FOR DETECTING SECOND TSUCHIKAGE MU'S PRESENCE.



HERE THEY COME.

TO BE CONTINUED IN *NARUTO* VOLUME 56!



Place	Character	Votes
11th Place	Umino Iruka	2,494 votes
12th Place	Haruno Sakura	2,188 votes
	Sai	2,188 votes
14th Place	Yamato	1,925 votes
15th Place	Hyuga Neji	1,794 votes
16th Place	Jiraiya	1,723 votes
17th Place	Hidan	1,635 votes
18th Place	Temari	1,628 votes
19th Place	Uchiha Madara (Tobi)	1,621 votes
20th Place	Rock Lee	1,597 votes
21st Place	Uzumaki Kushina	1,338 votes
22nd Place	Hoshigaki Kisame	1,320 votes
	Pain	1,320 votes
	Konan	1,320 votes
25th Place	Killer Bee	1,312 votes
26th Place	Might Guy	1,299 votes
27th Place	Kankuro	1,214 votes
28th Place	Inuzuka Kiba	1,079 votes
29th Place	Aburame Shino	989 votes
	Yamanaka Ino	989 votes
31st Place	Karin	862 votes
32nd Place	Tenten	723 votes
33rd Place	Tsunade (Fifth Hokage)	667 votes
34th Place	Hozuki Suigetsu	539 votes
	Toruné	539 votes
36th Place	Kakuzu	381 votes
37th Place	Foo	212 votes
	Hagane Kotetsu	212 votes
	Haku	212 votes
	Yakushi Kabuto	212 votes
41st Place	Kamizuki Izumo	813 votes
42nd Place	Momochi Zabuza	72 votes
43rd Place	Shimura Danzo	54 votes
44th Place	Orochimaru	27 votes
	Zetsu	27 votes
	Utakata	27 votes
	Inomatsu	27 votes
	Samui	27 votes
49th Place	Kimimaro	19 votes
	Nagato	19 votes
	Uchiha Obito	19 votes
	Nine Tails	19 votes



Place	Name	Votes
53rd Place	Chikushodo [Pain]	15 votes
	Tayuya	15 votes
	Sarutobi Asuma	15 votes
56th Place	Eight Tails	12 votes
	Omoi	12 votes
58th Place	Rin	9 votes
	Senju Tobirama (Second Hokage)	9 votes
	Kishimoto Masashi	9 votes
	Yahiko	9 votes
62nd Place	Terumii Mei (Fifth Mizukage)	8 votes
	Gekko Hayate	8 votes
	Shiranui Genma	8 votes
	Akimichi Choji	8 votes
	Jugo	8 votes
	Mitarashi Anko	8 votes
68th Place	Uchiha Shisui	7 votes
	Darui	7 votes
	Ao	7 votes
	Yagura	7 votes
	Konohamaru	7 votes
	Shee	7 votes
	Shizune	7 votes
	Senju Hashirama (First Hokage)	7 votes
76th Place	Sage of Six Paths	6 votes
	Pakkun	6 votes
	Shin	6 votes
	'Ay (Fourth Raikage)	6 votes
	Chojuro	6 votes
	Hyuga Tokuma	6 votes
	Akamaru	6 votes
	Yuhi Kurenai	6 votes
	Captain Yamato's head gear	6 votes
	Sarutobi Hiruzen (Third Hokage)	6 votes
	Amaru	6 votes
	Fu	6 votes
Etc. (1 vote each)		26 names total

(This poll conducted in Japan.)